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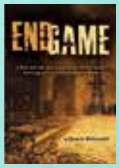

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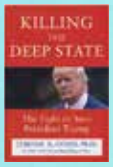

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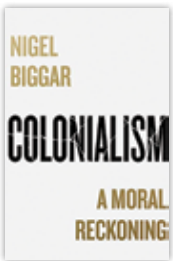

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America's Beacon of Hope

When Patrick Henry gave his stirring "Give me liberty, or give me death!" speech on March 23, 1775, he acknowledged, "We are apt to shut our eyes against a painful truth, and listen to the song of that siren till she transforms us into beasts." And then he asked, "Is this the part of wise men, engaged in a great and arduous struggle for liberty? Are we disposed to be of the number of those who, having eyes, see not, and, having ears, hear not, the things which so nearly concern their temporal salvation?"

"For my part," Henry said, "whatever anguish of spirit it may cost, I am willing to know the whole truth; to know the worst, and to provide for it."

Because sufficient numbers of patriots rose to the occasion, the then-American Colonies declared their independence from Great Britain the following year. They then went on to win their war for independence against seemingly impossible odds, and to initiate the greatest experiment in liberty in world history.

That experiment resulted in what W. Cleon Skousen called "the 5000 year leap." For millennia, humankind lived basically the same way. There was no electricity, refrigeration, or indoor plumbing. Life was hard, and countless hours needed to be devoted to carving out a subsistence living. But that quickly changed with the rise of the American Republic. Almost overnight, America became prosperous as well as free, and Americans found they had much more time for other endeavors outside of simply surviving, including "the pursuit of happiness." America became a beacon of hope for the rest of the world.

Many came to our shores, willing to start with nothing and pull themselves up by the bootstraps in order to pursue their dreams in a new land. But many more, who remained in the "Old World," also benefited greatly from the American experience. American economic and technological progress spurred progress globally, and many countries moved in the direction of more economic and political freedom.

Of course, in other countries, progress for ordinary citizens was inhibited by the iron boot of totalitarian regimes. But even in those countries, the American beacon offered hope for the oppressed.

However, that beacon has been noticeably dimming in recent years. In fact, it has dimmed to such an extent that America has also been experiencing a great awakening. The Covid lockdowns and forced vaccinations have opened many eyes, as have the growing censorship of speech and the increasingly transparent war against Christianity.

Increasing numbers of Americans recognize that our freedoms and national morality are under attack. And, having opened their eyes, many of them want to "know the whole truth; to know the worst, and to provide for it." In this sense, many may want to emulate Patrick Henry. But many fail to emulate him by concluding, falsely, that America is beyond the point of being saved. And so, they are now doing nothing to save and restore America.

Ironically, many who have only recently come to realize that our country is in serious trouble have already concluded that it is too late. On the other hand, many other newly awakened Americans are involved in the freedom movement.

So, "Is It Too Late?" That's the subject of our cover story by Steve Bonta. His answer is: Absolutely not! But why is that? In his article, Dr. Bonta surveys the lessons of history to show that seemingly hopeless odds have been overcome time and again by those who know the truth, become involved — and "put on the whole armor of God," who makes possible the seemingly impossible.

Another reason it is not too late is the simple fact that we still have our priceless Constitution; we can still use our freedoms to save our freedoms. If you are not involved in the freedom movement because you believe it's too late, we encourage you to read Dr. Bonta's article on page 10, and to defeat whatever defeatism may be holding you back. As to how best to channel your efforts, please see "Taking Action" on page 44.

— *Gary Benoit*

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Seventy Percent of Dems Want Censorship

A majority of Americans recently surveyed by Pew Research favor restricting "false information" and "violent content" online, an alarming development with respect to one of the nation's primordial principles — the right to speak one's mind freely.

But worse still, by a large margin, Democrats, not Republicans, favor restrictions on free speech.

Survey respondents also would rather see Big Tech, not the government, control speech. If Big Tech is in charge, those who will define "false information" and "violent content" will be the leftists who largely control the major tech and social-media companies and already have a record of censoring speech they don't like.

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The survey question returned two major findings: Fifty-five percent of those polled believe the government should censor speech, while 65 percent would let Big Tech handle the job. Those numbers have jumped from 39 percent and 56 percent in 2018.

The breakdown by political party is particularly telling. Seventy percent of Democrats or those who lean Democratic want the federal government to shut down speech. Just 39 percent of Republicans do.

That stark difference shows up across all the survey questions:

> There was virtually no difference between the parties in 2018, but the share of Democrats who support government intervention has grown from 40% in 2018 to 70% in 2023, while the share of Republicans who hold this view hasn't changed much.
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> There is a similar gap between the shares of Democrats and Republicans who say technology companies should restrict false information online.
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> A large majority of Democrats and Democratic leaners (81%) support technology companies taking such steps, while about half of Republicans (48%) say the same. The share of Democrats who support technology companies taking these steps has also increased steadily since 2018.

"Zero Tolerance" Rule Putting Gun Dealers Out of Business

Gun Owners of America (GOA), in a lawsuit filed July 11 against the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), revealed what Biden's "zero tolerance" policy is all about: putting gun dealers out of business.

Following Biden's announcement in June 2021 that he wanted to "keep guns out of the wrong hands," many assumed he was talking about criminals. It turns out that he really meant was any law-abiding citizen who owned, or wanted to own, a firearm.

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He would, with the help of the ATF, put every gun *dealer* out of business.

He talked about a "whole-of-government approach" to the problem of gun violence, a "comprehensive strategy" to combat it, a policy that "attacks the root causes" of that violence.

Enter the Biden administration's "zero tolerance" policy, whereby the most picayune or minor errors made by a gun dealer trying to follow the myriad local, state, and federal laws makes him subject to termination of his federal firearms license (FFL).

As Biden announced, it's a "new policy to underscore zero tolerance for willful violations of the law.… ATF will seek to revoke the licenses of dealers the first time that they violate federal law." The word "willful" is not defined by Biden, and so the ATF has chosen to define it as "any" violation — and is acting accordingly.

As the lawsuit by GOA noted, "The 2022 [Administrative Action Policy manual, or AAP] represents a clear redirection of ATF's mission — from *regulating* the firearms industry to seeking to *eliminate* it." (Emphasis in original.)

The lawsuit notes that the ATF is pushing the policy because it works: "As ATF itself reports, the Biden Administration's 'zero tolerance' policy, as implemented in ATF's revised 2022 AAP, has achieved the desired results — a massive increase in the number of FFLs who are having their licenses revoked or otherwise are terminating their licenses."

UN to Host 'Summit of the Future'

In its latest scheme to destroy national sovereignty, the United Nations is planning a "Summit of the Future" to take place in New York City on September 22-23, 2024, to cement its agenda of globalism for centuries.

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"The Summit of the Future is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to enhance cooperation on critical challenges and address gaps in global governance," the UN website reveals, as well as to "reaffirm existing commitments including to the Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations Charter, and move towards a reinvigorated multilateral [globalist] system that is better positioned to positively impact people's lives."

UN Secretary-General António Guterres laid out 11 "Areas of Potential Action" for the summit, including calling for the creation of a "Futures Lab." This lab would "work with partners including governments, academia, civil society, and the private sector, to issue regular reports on megatrends and catastrophic risks" and would help prepare the global community for the next "pandemic" and to ensure countries are "sharing vaccines equitably."

Perhaps the most frightening agenda item for the "Summit of the Future" is a transformation of education. Action item 11 states, "Transform education: achieve a fundamental shift in how education is seen and treated including in relation to the purpose of education; the learning environment; the teaching profession; harnessing digital transformation; investing in education; and multilateral support for quality education for all."

Guterres proposes a "UN upgrade" to make "UN 2.0," which includes a "more participatory and consultative approach, gender parity by 2028, the re-establishment of the Secretary-General's Scientific Advisory Board, and a policy that puts people at the center of the UN System, taking into account age, gender and diversity," according to the socialist secretary's report. Guterres also wants to seek "improved participation of youth" in the UN.

The very notion of this summit and U.S. involvement in the UN is contrary to American interests because American citizens alone, at the local level, should decide independently their policy on health emergency response, education, and all other realms of civic action.

Fed Officially Launches New Instant-pay Service

The Federal Reserve on July 20 launched its own instant-payment service, FedNow, touted as a way of allowing Americans to do things such as receive their paychecks and cash checks much more quickly — in a matter of minutes, as opposed to waiting one or two business days.

"It is a brand new, shall we call it a superinformation highspeed highway for payments, that the Fed has launched in an effort to modernize its payment systems opportunities for all of us," Scott Latham, president and CEO of the Alabama Bankers Association, told WSFA 12 News on July 21.

FedNow was first announced back in 2019, and many banks and credit unions have already signed up to use it. Per the Fed, FedNow provides banks with a foundation to develop and enhance services such as bill pay, immediate payroll, e-invoice, claims payments, and funding a brokerage account.

Mainstream media outlets say FedNow will be useful to Americans in situations such as paying last-minute bills late at night without having to wait for the payment to clear the next business day. The Federal Reserve, moreover, ensures privacy, stating that it will not be able to access people's bank accounts, nor does it have the authority for additional surveillance.

Not everyone is buying the Fed's assurances. John Berlau of the Competitive Enterprise Institute wrote April 7 that while FedNow is not a central bank digital currency as some have said, it does come with some dangers — such as the potential for allowing the Fed to see the details of consumer transactions.

Quoting Drew Johnson of Protect Internet Freedom and senior fellow at the Taxpayers Protection Alliance, Berlau explains that FedNow could give the government insight into details as intimate as how much people are spending on goods, where and what they are purchasing, and where they are traveling on a rideshare app.

Central bank digital currencies and other forms of financial surveillance and control — such as FedNow — pose one of the greatest threats to freedom in America. ■

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GOP Presidential Candidate Reveals His Choices for Supreme Court Nominees

"What each of the individuals I would appoint share is their unwavering dedication to the principles of originalism and commitment to a constitutional judicial philosophy."

Entrepreneur **Vivek Ramaswamy** *listed Senators Mike Lee and Ted Cruz as possible SCOTUS nominees should he become president, along with numerous judges, including James Ho, Lawrence Van Dyke, Lisa Branch, Thomas Hardiman, Justin Walker, and John K. Bush. His choices also included former Solicitor General Paul Clement.*

White House Alters President Biden's Stance on Hunter's Foreign Business Deals

"The President and the White House staff have always categorically maintained that he and his staff had no knowledge of any of the foreign dealings of his son. Now the President is only claiming that he was 'not in any business with his son.'"

Well-known liberal attorney **Jonathan Turley** *stated that the information on Hunter Biden's laptop contains the following statement Hunter delivered to Chinese Communist Party official Henry Zhao: "I'm sitting here with my father and we would like to understand why the commitment made has not been fulfilled.... You will regret not following my direction." President Biden has obviously participated in business dealings with Chinese officials.*

Summer Lee

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Pennsylvania Democrat Angered by Purchase of Viagra for Military Personnel

"Do you know how many bridges in my district of Pittsburgh could be repaired with the $41.6 million the Defense Department spent for Viagra?"

Representative **Summer Lee** *(D-Pa.) would welcome such an amount for her district, where the Fern Hollow Bridge recently collapsed and several other nearby spans are in dire need of maintenance. The Department of Defense official she questioned stated that he was not aware of the questionable expense pointed to by the congresswoman.*

Cornell University Professor Praises Central Bank Digital Currency

"If you think about the benefits of digital money, there are huge potential gains. You could have a potentially better — and some people might see it as a darker — world where the government decides that units of central bank money can be used to purchase some things, but not other things that it deems less desirable, like ammunition or drugs, or pornography or something of that sort."

Professor **Eswar Prasad** *ignores the truth that anonymity in the use of money is a major ingredient of freedom. Replacing U.S. currency with a central bank digital currency would destroy that fundamental freedom for Americans.*

Military Analyst Responds to Biden's "We've Run Out of Ammunition" Statement

"The great myth of overwhelming U.S. armaments supremacy has been exposed as little more than a modestly scaled boutique enterprise utterly ill-suited and ill-prepared to prosecute industrial warfare against a peer adversary."

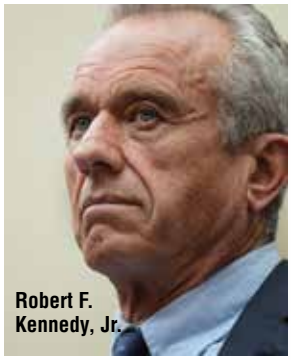
Asked why he agreed to send cluster bombs to Ukraine, President Biden actually stated that our nation has run out of regular artillery ammunition. The above assessment of the president's remark was given by military analyst **William Schryver**.

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. Claims His Lack of Political Experience Is an Asset

"Well, for me, that's probably the best qualification."

Democratic presidential candidate **Robert F. Kennedy, Jr.** *gave this insightful response during an interview with* New Yorker *magazine when asked, "You have never been in Congress, never been a governor, never been in the Senate. What qualifies you to be President?"* ■

— John F. McManus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Social unrest, government corruption, economic and financial instability, nuclear weapons, moral depravity — is it too late to save America from destruction?

by Steve Bonta

In every crisis past, both in America and across the wider West, people have always found ways to rise to the occasion and overcome seemingly insurmountable odds, and this crisis will prove no different.

Around the year 720, a man dressed in soldier's garb knelt within a secret cave deep in the mountains to pray before a forbidden image of the Virgin Mary. The image, which had been hidden in the cave by a local hermit to save it from destruction by Muslim Moorish conquerors, was regarded as the patroness of the region, a remote valley in the Cantabrian Mountains of northern Spain called Covadonga. The man kneeling in prayer was named Pelagius, and he was a Spanish Visigoth and Christian dismayed by what was happening in his homeland. Less than a decade earlier, the Moorish armies of the Ummayad Caliphate had invaded the Iberian Peninsula from North Africa, swiftly conquering most of Christian Spain and Portugal before crossing the Pyrenees into France. It appeared to terrified Christians in Western Europe that, as they had already done in Palestine, Syria, Mesopotamia, and North Africa, the armies of Islam were racing toward a decisive conquest of the heartland of Christianity and the fledgling civilization of the West.

But Pelagius was unwilling to surrender. Deep in the last Christian holdout on the Iberian Peninsula, the remote and forested mountains of Asturias, he prayed for divine assistance and prepared to resist the invader to his final breath. He was the elected leader of the last free state in Spain, and he intended to do his duty.

He had already made his position known by leading a tax revolt against the Moorish authorities, and then expelling the local governor they had installed. Finally, the Moors decided to quash this troublesome rebel and his followers once and for all, and sent a large force, led by two commanders named Alqama and Munuza, to do the job. To the surprise of Pelagius and the Asturians, the Moors were accompanied by a bishop, Oppas of Seville, who had allied himself with the enemy and tried to convince the rebels to surrender.

Pelagius' band of a few hundred ragtag fighters, greatly outnumbered by the advancing Ummayad forces, withdrew into the narrow, steep-walled valley of Covadonga in the rugged region known today as Picos de Europa, and prepared an ambush. A portion of the invading army, led by Alqama, pursued them. In the narrow space, the Asturians rained arrows and rocks on the Moors from above, before unleashing an attack out of a hidden cave that took the enemy by surprise and led to their rout. Alqama himself was killed in the slaughter, along with many of his men. As the Moors retreated from the valley, ordinary villagers joined in the battle, rallying to Pelagius' banner and killing most of the fleeing remnants of the army. The other Moorish general, Munuza, not chastened by the setback, soon assembled another force and attempted a second conquest of Asturias, only to be defeated and killed by Pelagius and his new army of Asturian patriots.

Rallying standard: Pelagius (on the left) rallied his Asturian countrymen to defeat the Moorish invaders at the Battle of Covadonga, laying the foundation for Spain's centuries-long Christian Reconquista and the eventual ascendancy of both Spain and Portugal to world powers.

As a result of the victory at Covadonga, Asturias was established as an independent Christian state, with Pelagius its founding father. It became the source of a more than 750-year war waged against the Moorish occupiers, known as the Reconquista or Reconquest. Not until 1492, with the fall of the Moorish kingdom of Grenada, was the Reconquista complete. It not only stands as the longest war in human history, but also demonstrates the extraordinary resilience of Western Christian civilization. The spark kindled at Covadonga led to the establishment of two of the greatest Western nations, Spain and Portugal, and

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to their roles in exploring and colonizing much of the world in the modern age.

Pelagius could not have imagined the far-reaching consequences of his heroism. But his is only one example of how often, across the centuries, the West has overcome seemingly insurmountable odds and risen to new heights.

While the Moorish hordes are extinct, it could be plausibly argued that the status of modern-day America is no less precarious than that of Pelagius' Spain. Our security is threatened, not by Islamic conquerors, but by a duo of nuclear superpowers and a tide of illegal immigrants, including enemy infiltrators, pouring across our southern border at the invitation of our own political leaders. Our body politic is being undone from within, not by a single treasonous cleric, but by a veritable army of subversives, not only in the government, but in the media and every important cultural institution. We literally live in a time when our morals have become so degraded that it is fashionable to call good evil and evil good, and when enemies from without and within, better armed and more bitterly determined than ever before, seem poised to dismember our fair Republic and to uproot and destroy the very foundations of Western civilization.

This is why so many now despair of ever saving our civilization and our freedoms. Too many have decided that the end is at hand, and that the only thing remaining is to prepare for the inevitable collapse. America is a lost cause, they believe, and there is no prospect of restoring her former greatness.

In such matters, history is no sure guide. Spengler, Barzun, and many other historians have considered the decadence of the modern age as akin to the decline of Rome or Byzantium, the symptom of the internal rot that precedes collapse as surely as twilight precedes night. And while the decline and fall of so many antecedent civilizations do suggest parallels with our perilous times, history is also replete with instances of hopeless causes that persevered and even flourished against all odds.

A time to die: The Black Death pandemic of the 14th century, which killed between one third and one half of the entire human population, remains the greatest disaster in human history. But instead of destroying Western civilization, the plague ultimately created the conditions for it to rise to greater heights.

Overcoming Hopeless Odds

Western civilization itself is such a cause. The hybrid offspring of Greco-Roman classical civilization and Judeo-Christianity, Western civilization was very nearly extinguished in the cradle by its own nursing mother, the Roman Empire. A product of the Jewish culture in Roman Judea, the upstart Christian religion spread rapidly across Roman dominions, despite concerted efforts by Roman authorities, from Nero onwards, to stamp out Christianity by any means necessary. Once Constantine the Great was converted and declared Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire after three centuries of persecution, it might have seemed that the final victory for the new faith had been achieved. In both the Eastern and Western Empires, Christian churches proliferated, and the religion was both spreading beyond the imperial boundaries and taking root among new immigrants, such as the Germanic Goths, who were moving into imperial territory.

But in the mid-5th century, the Western Roman Empire, including the Eternal City of Rome itself, collapsed, leaving the Eastern Empire, with its glittering capital Constantinople, as the sole repository of wealth and power in Christendom. And the Eastern Roman Empire, now known as the Byzantine Empire, lived dangerously for its entire 1,100-year history. During that time, it was assailed by wave after wave of hostile invaders, including formidable barbarians such as the Avars, Petchenegs, and Bulgars, as well as the almost-unstoppable armies of various Islamic powers, including the fanatical onset of the soldiers of the Rashidun Caliphate, and both the Seljuk and Ottoman Turks. On several occasions, the Byzantine emperor himself was killed or captured in battle, as when Nikephoros I was captured and put to death by the Bulgarian Khan Krum and his skull fashioned into a drinking goblet by that same barbaric potentate, or when Romanos IV was captured by the Seljuk Turkish Sultan Alp Arslan at the disastrous Battle of Manzikert and forced to kneel while his captor placed his foot on his neck. Byzantium even suffered at the hands of fellow Christians, most notably when Constantinople was sacked by the Venetian-led forces of the Fourth Crusade,

who were diverted from their objective in the Holy Land by the riches of the Byzantine capital.

During these and many other times when enemy forces were massed outside the gates of the medieval bulwark of Christendom, the cause must have seemed hopeless. And when Constantinople finally fell to the Ottomans in 1453, due in no small measure to the refusal of Western European powers to come to its aid, the shock and fear felt across the West was tremendous. And, as it turned out, those fears were justified. Without Byzantium to blunt the Islamic foe, Ottoman forces poured unimpeded into Europe and island-hopped across the Mediterranean. It then fell to the often-divided and enfeebled forces of the West to defend the heartland of Christian civilization against the Turkish invaders as best they could, often fighting a valiant but losing campaign, as with the heroic resistance at Rhodes that was finally quashed by Suleiman's forces. Until the naval battle at Lepanto in 1571 that resulted in the first major victory of a Western alliance against the Ottomans, few believed that the relentless advance of the Turks could be stopped. Too often, Western Christian powers were their own worst enemies, consumed with fighting one another instead of uniting against a common foe. England and France, for example, spent more than a century locked in a ruinous war over dynastic succession that lasted from the late Middle Ages into the Early Modern Period. And no sooner was the Hundred Years' War ended (the same fateful year that Constantinople fell) than England descended into a horrendous civil war, the Wars of the Roses, that dragged on for three more decades.

With the rise of Protestantism came decades of desolating religious wars in Western Europe, culminating in the horrors of the Thirty Years' War in the first half of the 17th century. England, spared the brunt of that continental effusion of bloodletting, spiraled into another civil war that saw a king beheaded and the monarchy temporarily replaced by an unstable commonwealth. On the other side of the North Sea, the other great bastion of progress and liberty, the Dutch Republic, was tied down in the Eighty Years' War against the Spanish, in a long and bloody bid to win independence.

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Formidable foes: The doomsday weapons now wielded by enemy powers are far more lethal than the mightiest militaries of ages past. But they are better suited as instruments of intimidation than of conquest.

Nor were wars the greatest threat facing the still-adolescent West in the Early Modern Period. The Black Death pandemic, which had wiped out one third to one half of the entire population of Europe in the mid-14th century, effectively destroying the civilization of the High Middle Ages and clearing the slate in Italy for what became the Renaissance, had never really gone away. At intervals of approximately 10 years, the plague re-emerged and wreaked havoc again and again throughout the 14th through the 17th centuries. While it never again achieved the apocalyptic contours of the initial onset, it continued to selectively desolate regions of Western Europe, including many devastating repeat performances on the Italian peninsula, until the late 1600s.

Yet somehow Western civilization turned all these epochal setbacks into strengths. The religious wars, devastating though they were, led to greater tolerance and to the Westphalian framework with its concept of the nation-state that honored the sovereignty and right of self-determination of countries large and small. The bubonic plague not only destroyed medieval feudalism, clearing the way for the implementation of modern notions of limited government and equality under the law, it also proved a tremendous stimulus for cultural and scientific advance. It is no accident that Florence, the city-state that gave birth to the Renaissance, also suffered an 80-percent mortality rate during the Black Death, one of the greatest of any population center. Among the Florentine survivors of the pandemic was Giovanni Bocaccio, an eminent writer whose greatest work, the *Decameron*, set in the time of the Black Death, was published a few years after the Black Death ended in Italy. One of his closest friends was fellow Florentine (but then-resident of Padua) Francesco Petrarch. These two men, whose lives spanned two ages, were largely responsible for initiating the Renaissance, a movement whose next generation saw the rise of Da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Pico della Mirandola.

In a later century, a young and undistinguished university student, Isaac Newton, was relieved for two years of his academic duties at Cambridge University because of another major plague outbreak, the Great Plague of London, in 1665-1666. During those two pivotal years, Newton remained in his native village of Woolsthorpe-by-

Colsterworth and used his time to invent calculus and to develop his theories of optics and gravitation, ushering in the greatest scientific revolution in history.

These and many more such examples show a pattern in the history of the West. More often than not, faced by seemingly insurmountable odds — desolating pandemics, horrifying internecine wars, bids for conquest by formidable foreign enemies — Western civilization has managed to turn challenges to strengths. Not only that, but by the end of the 17th century, the West embarked upon an unprecedented three-century rise to a pinnacle unexampled in human history. During that time, the march of the West — cultural, political, scientific, and technological — seemed unstoppable. Western culture, religion, and learning spread across the world, far eclipsing the static, oligarchic cultures of Asia and Africa. During that period, though challenges persisted — a French Revolution here, a World War or Cold War there — nothing seemed insuperable. The story of the 19th and 20th centuries in particular was of worldwide Westernization that brought in its train individual liberty, modern medicine and travel, computers, air travel, the internet, and other fruits of a seemingly bottomless cornucopia of progress.

Perilous Times

But now, the West, rather than facing unprecedented peril, merely finds itself back in the more precarious posture of centuries past, a posture we have forgotten in the flush of recent success. The combined militaries of Russia, China, and North Korea are formidable indeed; but are they any more so in our time than the Moors, Mongols, and Ottomans were in theirs? The Covid pandemic and its political and social effects have indeed been traumatic — but far less than was the Black Death and its three-century aftermath, a period that saw some princes forcibly wall entire families inside their own homes, to perish together, if any member of a household caught the plague. The recent disintegration of morals and exaltation of every species of perversion is a dismaying spectacle indeed, but past centuries have seen their fair share of abominations, from depraved Medieval serial-killing nobility, such as France's Gilles de Rais and Hungary's Elizabeth Bathory, to celebrated satanists and their coteries of admirers, such as 18th-century England's Francis Dashwood and his Hellfire Club or revolutionary France's Marquis de Sade. Indeed, the 19th century, perhaps the pinnacle of peace and power for the West (the American Civil War being a notable exception), gave birth to revolutionary communism and many of its radical socialist sibling ideologies, some of which advocated sexual debauchery and atheism amid the devout Christian culture of early America.

In a word, every time is a time of crisis, and every generation fancies itself uniquely challenged.

None of which is to minimize the very real and acute problems now faced by America and the wider Judeo-Christian West, a region that encompasses, or until recently encompassed, the United States, the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, most of Latin America, and large parts of Europe, with several Asian and African nations, such as Israel, South Africa, the Philippines, and even South Korea, Japan, Taiwan, and Singapore, having hybridized substantial portions of Western culture with their own. If we include countries such as Russia and India as being partly Westernized, a fair argument could be made that half of the world's population identifies at least in part with Western values, while nearly all of the rest partake of some of its cultural and technological fruits. This being the case, how can the West, and especially its leading light, the United States, have reached such a critical pass?

To a large degree, we seem to be victims of our own success. As long as our culture was beset by deadly foes, we rose to the occasion, as happened in Spain during the Reconquista. There have been many such examples of farsighted, persistent valor in Western history. But today, benumbed as we have become by our artificial world of sound bites and instant gratification, few of us have the attention span or willingness even to read a challenging book, let alone undertake a crusade of centuries.

Why, then, given the historical evidence that Western civilization, including America, is far more successful and resilient than Rome and other bygone civilizations, have so many concluded that it is too late, that our civilization is in terminal decline, and that there is no point fighting to preserve it? Many

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Moral meltdown: The modern media amplify and exaggerate the extent of our moral decay, but America is only a religious awakening away from driving the "woke" counterculture back into its native obscurity.

such defeatists are being deceived by a sophisticated disinformation campaign orchestrated by those who would destroy our civilization. The news media focus on the lurid and bizarre to create the impression that debauchery and outré sexual "orientations" have become the norm, when in fact the vast majority of Americans continue to live heterosexual, family-centered lifestyles. While there has been a decline in religiosity, including both church attendance and belief in God, religion still plays a very prominent role in American society, as her ubiquitous houses of worship attest to even the casual visitor. America has had swings in religious feeling in the past; hence the pattern of revivals and awakenings that has occurred at fairly regular intervals throughout our history. And this pattern of fluctuating religious devotion has also been the rule across the entire sweep of Western history.

But what about political decline, which we document regularly in this publication? Don't we see a general and irreversible movement in America away from limited government under the Constitution, and into a dictatorial New World Order? Until fairly recently, many trend lines seemed to suggest that.

But since the beginning of this new century, we have seen some dramatic countervailing trends as well, all of which testify that, after all, America and Western civilization are, yet again, veering away from the brink toward a greater future.

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Modern marvels: High tech, made possible by Western civilization, has also created a false sense of invulnerability and security that our ancestors did not have.

It Can Be Done

Consider that, in the United States, what once looked like an irresistible movement to nullify the Second Amendment and disarm the American people (e.g., the landmark gun-control bill of 1986 or the 10-year ban on "assault weapons" in 1994-2004) has given way to a wildly successful state-by-state movement toward "constitutional carry" and the popularization of firearms ownership to levels not seen since the Old West. Or consider the recent overturn, unhoped for by many, of *Roe v. Wade* after a 50-year struggle. Or consider the remarkable new ability conferred by the internet to educate, expose government deception, and propagate truth. Or consider the new campaign against the Deep State and its corrupt operators, as betokened by the election of Donald Trump, as well as the vigorous investigation of Biden family corruption by a House GOP displaying far more backbone and resolve than in the past. Or consider the growing popular pushback against the "woke" counterculture, evidenced by public backlash against the in-your-face ad campaigns of Bud Light and Target, or the defiant popularization of entertainers such as singer Jason Aldean and his anthem of resistance, "Try That in a Small Town."

And these trend lines do not disappear at the water's edge. Across the pond, in the birthplace of Western civilization, we see a tremendous backlash across Western and Central Europe, with ordinary Europeans revolting against the secularist, internationalist, and socialist order being imposed on them via the European Union. The last few years have seen a wave of triumphant right-wing, populist, Christian-inspired nationalist movements seize control of governments, from Poland and Hungary in the east to the Netherlands and the U.K. in the west, and from Italy in the south to Sweden and Finland in the north. Of these, the most consequential so far have been the Nigel Farage-led Brexit movement and that of Italy's dynamic new prime minister, Giorgia Meloni, who is proving the boldest and most articulate defender of traditional Western values that Europe has seen in decades. That Europe, which has suffered so much more than America and has strayed much farther from its civilizational roots in the process, is now effecting such a dramatic turnaround is conclusive evidence, if more be needed, that this conflict is far from over, its outcome far from determined, and the complacent acquiescence of the masses far from a foregone conclusion.

The only question that remains to be answered for Americans is: How much farther will we follow our self-destructive course before the inevitable turnaround, reawakening, and renewal take place? Will we have to experience national bankruptcy, civil war, and perhaps a rain of ruinous modern weapons on American cities before we finally change course? Will we see our cities hollowed out by violence and racial division, and our economy and technology crippled by self-imposed socialist and radical environmentalist policies before

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A brighter future: Despite the challenges we face, many Americans still live in prosperous, peaceful, safe surroundings, and there is every reason to believe that peace, prosperity, virtue, and liberty will triumph in the long run.

we finally arise from the dust and once again unashamedly take advantage of the great natural and civic advantages our nation has always enjoyed? Will we have to experience military defeat at the hands of some foreign superpower, or see some of our territory seized by hostile invaders or waves of illegal immigrants before we see a rebirth of the martial resolve that once enabled us to win and vindicate our independence by defeating the world's greatest superpower of the day? These and other unanswered questions cloud the future of our Republic. But they should not call into question the long-term viability of our resilient civilization.

In every crisis past, both in America and across the wider West, people have always found ways to rise to the occasion and overcome seemingly insurmountable odds, and this crisis will prove no different. As in times past, the renewal will be preceded by a revival of faith and civilizational values, which in turn will yield to an unshakable resolve to not fritter away the fruits of our forefathers' sacrifice. As at Covadonga and so many other civilizational turning points, the people will follow principled and visionary leadership and join the contest, however unequal it might appear.

In America, the problem is perhaps more vexing than elsewhere in the West, because America — unlike the nations of Europe with their governments that have traditionally hybridized monarchy and aristocracy with republicanism and the free market with collectivism — has almost completely turned away from the free market and from the pure republican principles of its founding documents. The agency of this radical transformation, the set of interlocking interests hostile to individual liberty embodied by the Deep State and the radical Left, has lately resorted to ever-more bizarre assaults on tradition and religion in order to secure its hold on our political and cultural institutions.

These cunning adversaries are well financed, deeply entrenched, and well protected by a network of laws and institutions designed to perpetuate their privilege. These enemies of freedom and virtue enjoy a carefully cultivated aura of invincibility that, more than any other single factor, has convinced many decent people to give up the struggle. Some choose to go off-grid and prepare for the end, while others take refuge in elaborate legal theories that they claim nullify all government authority. Still others — a distressingly large number, it needs to be said — point to the rot and corruption as an excuse for apathy and inaction. And finally, many take solace in mass entertainment and vice, concluding that transient pleasures and stimuli are more worthwhile than refinement, education, and principled action.

All those who allow themselves to be neutralized along any of these lines fail to understand the first principle of liberty, which is self-government. And self-government of the kind necessary to sustain a complex republic — let alone a civilization — is predicated on moral virtue and on education. For moral virtue, we look, as always, to families, churches, and communities. For education, we have learned to our sorrow that the institutions we once relied upon — our schools, colleges, and universities — have been disfigured almost beyond recognition and converted into potent tools for indoctrination by the radical Left. And our once-free press has been diverted from its original purposes to serve as a propaganda tool for those same radicals. As a result, the task of education falls to families and individuals. This magazine and its parent organization, The John Birch Society, were created both as educational tools and as organizational frameworks for re-enshrining our liberty and routing its enemies. Regardless of the turns on the path ahead, education remains our primary strategy, and our institutional motto bears the stamp of American and Western civilization: Less government, more responsibility, and — with God's help — a better world. ■

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THE SECOND AMENDMENT AT WORK

Most "mass shootings" in the United States occur in places of business, a situation exacerbated by employers who prohibit law-abiding citizens from carrying guns.

by Drew Dorans

President Joe Biden and the liberal Left are taking aim at our God-given, constitutionally protected right to keep and bear arms. "Biden has repeatedly mocked the Second Amendment, claiming it 'doesn't say that you can own any weapon you want,'" reads a recent Fox News headline.

As part of his ongoing anti-gun crusade, the president joked at a fundraiser in June that Americans would "need an F-16" to oppose the U.S. government. "You need something else than just an AR-15," he quipped.

He made the same wisecrack in January at the National Action Network's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast in Washington, D.C. Ridiculing Second Amendment supporters, he also sneered (and blundered), "I love my right-wing friends who talk about the tree of liberty is water of the blood of patriots."

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For now, we'll ignore his misquote of Founding Father and former President Thomas Jefferson. We'll also leave for another discussion the unwavering affinity of dictators throughout history (e.g., Hitler, Stalin, Mao Zedong) for the confiscation of weapons from the general populace.

Instead, our current focus is more practical and commonplace. Biden's relentless campaign to demonize guns and deride gun owners has led many to blame the Second Amendment for soaring violent-crime rates, and has convinced still more that the only path to safety is to strip individuals of any real means of defending themselves.

Even some employers are illogically convinced that they should disarm staff to ensure a safe working environment. On the contrary, just as armed individuals have better chances against assailants, the best way to ensure workplace safety is by allowing employees to exercise their Second Amendment rights.

It is a logical conclusion, since practically any place on earth is safer when its occupants are armed. "Guns do not guarantee our safety, but they offer us a choice, and a chance," says Kevin Michalowski, executive editor of *Concealed Carry* magazine

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and director of content for the United States Concealed Carry Association (USCCA).

He advocates myriad benefits of what he calls the concealed-carry lifestyle. "Concealed carry gives you an incredible tactical advantage," he told *The New American*. "It provides criminals the ultimate opportunity to make a fatal error in the victim selection process." A would-be assailant cannot plan how to take a gun from his victim if he doesn't know it's there. So, an individual with a hidden firearm enjoys obvious advantages over both unarmed victims and those who open carry.

Employers can benefit from these same advantages by promoting the concealed-carry lifestyle in the workplace. Companies that do so are also likely to see improvements in morale, says Michalowski. The reason is twofold: Employees feel safer since they know they can protect themselves, and they know their employer trusts them to behave in a legal, moral, and ethical manner.

An organization that restricts firearms sends the opposite message. "If you don't allow them to carry, you're saying you don't trust your staff to follow the law," notes Michalowski. "If you don't trust them to be law-abiding, maybe you shouldn't have hired them in the first place."

Further legal implications of restricting firearms are delineated in *Guns in the Workplace: A Manual for Private Sector Employers and Employees*, by former police officer and certified firearms instructor Chuck Klein. Though the book is more than 15 years old, Michalowski still references it as an ideal resource for organizations working to develop prudent firearms policies. He said it explains that when employers restrict firearms in states that allow them in the workplace, they effectively assume a duty of protecting their disarmed personnel. Could this open them to legal liability?

It's a pertinent question considering the growing popularity of pro-gun legislation in the last two decades. As of today, 27 states — more than 50 percent of the United States — have passed laws allowing constitutional carry or permitless carry. The USCCA website notes that 20 of these states have adopted constitutional or permitless carry in the last six years.

Moreover, Michalowski points out the moral implications companies face when determining firearm policy. "If someone comes into that workplace and starts shooting, more people are going to die if no one is armed and can stand up to the attacker," he posits. "So, companies have to consider the morality of their policies, not just legalities."

Think it could never happen to you? Shootings in public places in which four or more people are shot — defined by the government as "mass shootings" — are increasingly frequent in the United States, according to data compiled by The Violence Prevention Project Research Center, a nonprofit founded and funded by the U.S. Department of Justice. "Over half of the 35 deadliest mass shootings in the last 120 years occurred in the last decade," reads the group's website. And while school shootings seem to get more media attention, K-12 schools rank only seventh among the most common locations of U.S. "mass shootings." Colleges and universities take ninth place. Four of the top five most frequent sites are retail outlets, restaurants, factories, and warehouses/office buildings.

Furthermore, when these calamitous events occur, unless the attacker dies by suicide, "the killing continues until the first armed responder arrives on the scene," says Michalowski. If that armed responder is already on the scene, the attack is likely to be far less deadly.

He bases his contention on data compiled in the book *Countering the Mass Shooter Threat: A Comprehensive Playbook for Every House of Worship, School, Business and Family in America*, by USCCA's chief instructor Michael Martin. Of the dozens of shootings analyzed in that work, slightly more than half ended before police arrived, and around one-third of those were stopped by the intended victims. How many more would have been cut short by pro-carry policies in the workplace?

The logical solution is to create a plan, and Martin recommends that every organization's strategy focus first on deterrence. From visible armed guards to simple signage indicating that customers and employees are encouraged to carry concealed firearms, there are numerous options to fit any place of business. The second step is training, which ought to include practice simulations akin to fire drills, along with first aid and follow-up instructions. Of paramount importance is clear delineation of who is responsible for various protective measures during an active-shooter event.

Regardless of specifics, Michalowski encourages all business owners to implement a clear policy regarding firearms in the workplace, and to encourage employees to take classes, as training is the most important part of owning a gun. "A firearm is the most effective tool to protect yourself," he advises, "and the only option in a life-or-death situation is to win." ■

NORMALIZING CHILD RAPE

Our current crisis of child sex trafficking and pedophilia can be traced to the decades-long promotion of the research of perverted doctor Alfred Kinsey.

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by William F. Jasper

We see dimly in the Present what is small and what is great,
Slow of faith how weak an arm may turn the iron helm of fate,
But the soul is still oracular; amid the market's din,
List the ominous stern whisper from the Delphic cave within —
"They enslave their children's children who make compromise with sin."

— James Russell Lowell, "The Present Crisis," 1845

Millions of children today are sex slaves. Helpless, hopeless prisoners, they are treated as sexual chattel to gratify the despicable cravings of perverts. They are enslaved because of modern "enlightened" society's "compromise with sin." The breakout film *Sound of Freedom* starring Jim Caviezel has opened the eyes of a vast audience to the mind-numbing scope of this criminal assault on the most innocent and vulnerable members of our human family.

In a single year, as the film informs, more than 22 million new images of child pornography were posted to the internet — an increase of 5,000 percent over the past five years. The child slave trade has passed the illegal arms trade and will soon pass the drug trade. Caviezel notes that a bag of cocaine can be sold one time, but a child can be sold five to 10 times a day.

When I recited the stanza above from Lowell's "The Present Crisis" to the late, great Dr. Judith Reisman many years ago, she exclaimed: "That's it exactly. 'They enslave their children's children who make compromise with sin.' We have allowed the 'new morality' of Alfred Kinsey and his sexology brigade to permeate our culture, and our children's children are paying a terrible price for it. They are being enslaved. I'm going to use that Lowell quote if you don't mind." Of course, I didn't mind at all.

Daring to Expose the Acclaimed "Sex Expert"

Dr. Reisman (1935-2021) was one of the great heroines of our age. I was privileged to have counted her as a colleague and friend and to have spent many hours with her in conversation and sharing research when we were neighbors in Sacramento. If more good people had heeded the research and warnings of this indefatigable warrior for truth and decency, the abomination of child sex trafficking would not be the colossal plague it is today. Judith was a giant killer. This charming, diminutive but determined mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother not only took on Alfred Kinsey, "the father of the sexual revolution," but the entire "sexual liberation" industrial complex: Big Media, Big Academia, Big Government, Big Foundations, Big Pharma, Big Hollywood, and Big Porn.

The impetus for what became Dr. Reisman's crusade began in 1966 with the rape of her young daughter by a neighbor boy. In attempting to understand and come to grips with that horrible trauma, she kept running into the claims that, well, these things happen because children are "sexual from birth." Everybody is supposed to know that basic truth. After all, it was proven "scien-

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Exposing the devil: The late Dr. Judith Reisman spent decades educating the world on the evils of Dr. Kinsey and his cohorts and the effect they had on leading Western society down a path to degeneracy.

tifically" by Professor Alfred Kinsey. Ask any college freshman!

But Judith Reisman dared to expose the obvious problem with the emperor's new clothes. How, precisely, she asked, did Kinsey arrive at this new "sexual from birth" dogma? And why had no one else asked this basic question? What she discovered was nothing less than astounding. In his *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*, the 1948 book that changed the world, Kinsey inadvertently indicts himself with evidence that he had knowingly aided and abetted the most horrific child sex abuse imaginable. Consider, for instance, the notorious Table 34, entitled, "Examples of multiple orgasms in pre-adolescent males," which appeared in his celebrated book. A child molester with a stopwatch abused baby boys, some less than a year old. The "experiment" supposedly demonstrated that babies in the crib could achieve sexual climax many times in an hour. An 11-month-old baby purportedly had 10 orgasms in an hour. Another infant had 14 climaxes in 38 minutes. One baby boy was only two months old. Two months!

Predators in Lab Coats

Kinsey's book acknowledges that the babies' responses to this pedophile "stimulation" included "violent convulsions of the whole body; heavy breathing, groaning, sobbing, or more violent cries, sometimes with an abundance of tears." Any reasonable, decent human being would recognize that these were responses of pain and terror. But Kinsey preferred to see them as erotic responses from the children. James Jones, a Kinsey biographer (and admirer), in an interview for the 1998 British documentary *Kinsey's Pedophiles*, says, "Kinsey in that chapter himself gives pretty graphic descriptions of their response to what he calls sexual stimulation. If you read those words, what he's talking about is kids who are screaming. Kids who are protesting in every way they can the fact that their bodies or their persons are being violated." How many kids? According to Kinsey, 1,888 infants and young boys.

This was child rape. This was child torture. This was criminal. This was monstrous! So, who were the "trained observers" who carried out these atrocities in the name of science? Kinsey and his Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction have tried to keep this dirty secret locked up, but it leaked out that one of his primary sources was sex fiend Rex King, a U.S. federal government land surveyor, whose identity Kinsey typically concealed as "Mr. X" or "Mr. Green."

According to Kinsey associate Paul Gebhard, who succeeded Kinsey as director of the institute, Rex King was a notorious pervert, but his "research" was critical to Kinsey's "scientific" pursuits. According to Gebhard, "[King] had sex with men, women, children and animals…. It was illegal and we knew it was illegal and that's why a lot of people are furious…. They say we should have turned him in instantly…. If we had turned him in it would have been the end of our research project."

Oh dear, what a quandary for the Kinsey cabal: Can we allow ethical squeamishness (about using pedophiles to torture children) to interfere with our precious research? If we do the right thing, might not we ourselves be arrested for participating in criminal activity?

Recruiting Convicted Child Abusers

Yes, Kinsey and his gang of predatory perverts should have been arrested — and tried, convicted, and imprisoned — not glorified and promoted as paragons of scientific inquiry. Turns out Rex King was not the only child rapist involved with Team Kinsey. When Paul Gebhard was asked by the interviewer for *Kinsey's Pedophiles* how Kinsey was able to contact pedophiles, Gebhard responded, "That was rather easy. We got them in prisons, a lot of them…. We'd go after them."

So, Kinsey used pedophiles, including convicted child molesters in prisons, to stake his claim that children "are sexual from birth," a claim that would provide the basis for ongoing efforts to undermine taboos and laws against incest, child pornography, and adult-child sex. But there is good reason to believe that Kinsey himself participated directly in the child abuse. In his interview for *Kinsey's Pedophiles*, Clarence Tripp, Kinsey's sexology photographer (and sex partner) suggested, without explicitly confirming, Kinsey's personal involvement. "He wanted to see everything," Tripp said of Kinsey. "This is a hands-on scientist…. He had to see it to truly believe it." Tripp, who worked

with Kinsey until Kinsey's death in 1956, would go on to become one of the most influential homosexual activists in America. Like Rex King, Tripp was an uninhibited sexual omnivore. He graphically described his own perverse sexual activity with dogs. He also unabashedly told the interviewers that he "got hold of a young German boy prostitute … who I photographed with one of the younger ones." He doesn't specify the ages of these boys he recruited for child-on-child sex, but it was clearly immoral and illegal. "This would probably be the epitome of child corruption in Reisman's mind," Tripp derisively remarked.

Like Kinsey, Tripp was unburdened with moral qualms. "Paedophilia is an almost non-existent kind of crime," Tripp insisted. "For instance they use words like child molestation. What is that? Nobody knows." What about monsters such as Rex King who molested hundreds of children? "I hesitate to even call him a paedophile," Tripp averred. Of course, you find none of this when you go to the *New York Times* obituaries for Kinsey or Tripp. Ditto for their Wikipedia entries.

Von Balluseck: Monsters "R" Us

It gets even worse. Kinsey the Liberator, it turns out, was a long-standing collaborator with one of the world's most vicious child rapists, Germany's Dr. Friedrich "Fritz" von Balluseck. Dr. Reisman writes, "Like Kinsey, fascist scientists in Germany believed that they had a right to experiment on anyone. Dr. von Balluseck was an incest offender who raped and sodomized not only his own offspring, but Jewish, Polish, and German children as well, from roughly 1927 to 1957." Hitler's regime placed von Balluseck in charge of the Polish town of Jedrzejow, where he sexually violated "over 100" (and perhaps several hundred) children, some of whom he is suspected of murdering. His 1957 trial in Germany for child sex abuse and child murder brought out that he was working closely with Kinsey, with whom he shared his sex "research." Von Balluseck kept meticulous notes on his sordid crimes, and Kinsey encouraged him to keep up his work. Kinsey refused to provide the FBI with evidence of von Balluseck's crimes, and even wrote to warn von Balluseck to "watch out" so that he wouldn't be caught.

Von Balluseck's trial caused a sensation in the German and European press, but was completely ignored by the American media. Why? Well, because Kinsey, who was at the height of his fame, had just died months before and his revered legacy must be protected at all costs! Commenting on the experiments recorded in volumes found in von Balluseck's desk, Judge Heinrich Berger, the presiding judge, expressed the outrage of many when he exclaimed, "This is no longer human! What was this all for? To tell Kinsey about?"

Thanks to Judith Reisman, the insidious Kinsey-Balluseck connection has not been totally buried. But why did no one else see the Kinsey/pedophile elephant in the room hiding in plain sight? Why did it take Judith Reisman's relentless, dogged research to pry out this damnable evidence? Reisman brought the truth about this horrendous abuse by Kinsey and his associates to the world in her books, articles, lectures, and interviews, and in the documentaries *The Children of Table 34*, *The Kinsey Syndrome*, *Secret History: Kinsey's Paedophiles*, *The Kinsey Coverup*, and *Scientific Study of Sexuality in America*.

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Making history: Shown here are project staff at Kinsey's institute in August of 1953. Kinsey is seated on the third row of stairs, wearing a bowtie.

Kinsey's Elite Abettors

Alfred Kinsey's pederastic proclivities and practices have been revealed in his own journals and in the writings and interviews with his team of sexologists at Indiana University, where he established the aforementioned Kinsey Institute. Kinsey's *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male* was followed up five years later with *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female*. The major media served as enthusiastic hagiographers, billing Kinsey as the enlightened scientist who would free prudish, puritanical humanity from unhealthy sexual hangups. They falsely presented the bow-tied, Midwestern entomologist as a conservative family man who was simply following the "science." Nothing

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could have been further from the truth. He was a bisexual, a pedophile, a sadomasochist, and a sex addict with a pathological obsession to manipulate, abuse, and tyrannize his wife, his children, his colleagues, and his employees. He insisted on taking detailed, invasive "sex interviews" and "sex histories" with all of his institute staff, and pressured many college students and faculty to submit to the same humiliating process. He went further, pressuring many colleagues to be filmed (in his attic) engaged in various sexual practices (with himself and others). He did this, apparently, not only to satisfy his own prurient interests, but also for blackmail purposes to insure against any of his co-conspirators revealing his immoral and illegal activities, as well as his thoroughly fraudulent "science." Kinsey was a radical pansexualist. He believed that anything and everything sexual — even bestiality and incest — should be not only permitted, but encouraged and promoted. No sexual vice was too wicked for him, no degeneracy was beyond the pale.

According to Wardell Pomeroy, Kinsey's close associate (and one of his homosexual partners), Kinsey had a "grand scheme" in which sexualized images (i.e., pornography) would facilitate his dream of moving American society from its traditional moral standard based on marriage to one predicated on "free love."

Kinsey's two books and the tsunami of media huzzahs that accompanied them hit the world like a Category 5 cyclone, upending moral codes, taboos, laws, traditions, and attitudes that are the bedrock of civilized society. But Kinsey was careful to hide his extreme libertine agenda under the pretense of being a neutral scientist who was dispassionately, maturely, and objectively uncovering and cataloging the true state of America's sexuality.

In addition to Kinsey's own blackmailing precautions to protect his reputation and his institute from exposure, the Indiana sex guru knew he could count on friends in high places to keep his dirty secrets under wraps. The "watchdogs" of the press were his dutiful lapdogs.

The Rockefeller Foundation and the National Research Council showered him with money. The American Law Institute and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), with funding from the Rockefeller and Carnegie foundations, brought out the Model Penal Code of 1955 to "reform" American laws regarding sexual crimes. Jonathan Gathorne-Hardy, Kinsey's authorized biographer, observes that "The American Law Institute's Model Penal Code of 1955 is virtually a Kinsey document…. At one point Kinsey is cited six times in twelve pages." Most of our states have drawn heavily from the Kinseyite Model Penal Code to revise (or abolish) their laws against pederasty, sodomy, bestiality, pornography, rape, incest, prostitution, fornication, nudism, seduction, exposure, lewd cohabitation, adultery, abortion, and more. Radical lawyer-activist Morris Ernst, an ACLU board member who defended Kinsey and the Kinsey Institute (as well as Planned Parenthood founder Margaret Sanger), is credited for getting Kinsey's work into the sympathetic hands of Supreme Court Justices Louis Brandeis, William J. Brennan, and Felix Frankfurter, as well as Judge Learned Hand and other members of the bench with whom he had cordial ties.

The enormity of Kinsey's impact on our laws is difficult to exaggerate. In her second edition of *Kinsey: Crimes and Consequences* (2000), Dr. Reisman noted that the Westlaw database for legal cases and law review journals, together with the Social Science Citation Index, "yields a total of approximately 5,796" citations of Kinsey. And that doesn't count all of the additional citations of Herbert Wechsler, chief author of the Model Penal Code, and the many other legal "experts" who relied on Kinsey's arguments.

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Pollute your mind: A 2014 exhibition in London showcased many of Kinsey's materials. This just serves to demonstrate the long reach of the perverted doctor's ideas.

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House of horrors: Shown here is the Kinsey Institute for Research in Sex, Gender, and Reproduction in Bloomington, Indiana. God only knows the full extent of the perversions and abuse that were carried out here under Kinsey's direction.

Hefner: Kinsey's "Pamphleteer"

Hugh Hefner published his first issue of *Playboy* magazine in December 1953, the same year that Kinsey brought out *Sexual Behavior in the Human Female*. He claimed that Kinsey's *Human Male* had changed his life and inspired him to become Kinsey's "pamphleteer." He also became a major funder of Kinsey's "research." The same media that portrayed Kinsey as a staid, middle-class scientist promoted porn-king Hefner as an urbane, fun-loving bon vivant. His airbrushed nude "bunnies," we were told, provided innocent sensate pleasure to accompany "serious" intellectual articles for the sophisticated gentleman. After more than a decade of prepping by Kinsey and Hefner, America in the 1960s was sufficiently softened up for the next round on the liberation agenda: Bob Guccione's raunchier *Penthouse* magazine. Then, in the 1970s, along came Larry Flynt's even-cruder *Hustler*. While all of these were marketed as "men's magazines," they all promoted, as Dr. Reisman showed, a definite Kinseyite program of mainstreaming perversion, with particular focus on normalizing incest and child-adult sex. In 1990, the U.S. Department of Justice published an extensive report prepared by Dr. Reisman for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, titled "Images of Children, Crime and Violence in Playboy, Penthouse, and Hustler." Over the course of three decades these magazines had displayed thousands of pictures and cartoons that implied endorsement of this deviant, criminal behavior. They were grooming the groomers who have gone on to groom and violate millions of children.

Kinsey, Penthouse, SIECUS, UNESCO

Dr. Wardell Pomeroy, Kinsey's co-author, was a board member of Guccione's Penthouse Forum and, along with Kinsey, Gebhard, and other Kinsey Institute fellows, was cited by the U.S. Department of Defense in its decision to recommend acceptance of homosexuals in the military services. Pomeroy was also an original official of the Sex Information and Education Council of the United States (SIECUS), which was launched at the Kinsey Institute in 1964 and now distributes Kinseyite "sex education" curricula to thousands of elementary and secondary schools. We are currently in the third and fourth generations of this subversive saturation grooming of our children. With huge financial support taken from federal, state, and local taxpayers, the Kinsey/SIECUS cabal is marinating tens of millions of American school kids in propaganda that promotes promiscuity, perversion, and radical gender ideology. Worse still, they have taken their poison global and are spreading it through UNESCO and the World Health Organization.

In 2004, Searchlight Pictures (a division of Disney) brought out *Kinsey*, a biopic starring Liam Neeson. Bill Condon, the militant homosexual who wrote and directed the film, ignored all of the enormous evidence of fraud, degeneracy, and criminality of Kinsey and his collaborators. Not surprisingly, the film glorifies Kinsey as a heroic soul who overcame his father's rigid Christian prudery to sexually liberate not only himself but all of humanity.

Actress Laura Linney, who played Mrs. Kinsey in film, has said, "Any sort of sexual education that anybody has had in the past 50 years came right from the [Kinsey] Institute…. When Kinsey published that information, he changed our culture completely." That is very true. Although Linney undoubtedly meant her statement as a compliment, for those who truthfully survey the devastation Kinsey has caused, her endorsement is a ringing indictment. And our compromises with Kinsey's sins are indeed enslaving our children's children, as the child sex-trafficking plague so clearly demonstrates. ■

Faith FAMILY FREEDOM

Fearless: Jim Caviezel Puts It All on the Line

by William F. Jasper

If putting one's life on the line is the supreme measure of commitment, then putting one's career, livelihood, friendships, and reputation on the line runs a close second. Jim Caviezel has done — and is doing — all of these. When Mel Gibson offered him the role of Jesus in the 2004 mega-hit *The Passion of the Christ*, he warned the ascendent actor that it could be the end of his film career, that the anti-Christian backlash in Hollywood and the media would be ferocious.

Recounting that warning in a 2004 interview with CBN, Caviezel said Gibson told him, "I want you to be aware of what you are going to go through. You may never work again." He said Gibson repeated that several times publicly. Caviezel continued, "I told him, 'Mel, this is what I believe. We all have a cross to carry. I have to carry my own cross. If we don't carry our crosses, we are going to be crushed under the weight of it. So, let's go and do it.' And we began with the film."

The events that soon followed proved that Mel Gibson's monitory was no exaggeration; the vicious reputational attacks on Caviezel severely curtailed his career trajectory, transforming him from rising star to industry pariah. (More on that below.) The film also almost killed him — literally. It is well known that he was struck by lightning while portraying Christ delivering his Sermon on the Mount. Perhaps worse was enduring endless hours of bone-chilling cold while hanging nearly naked on the cross. He contracted pneumonia, dislocated a shoulder, and lost feeling in his arms. He suffered numerous scrapes and bruises and was seriously injured when one of the blows during the scourging scene went awry and actually landed on him, opening a 14-inch gash on his back. Although he is a physically fit athlete, the rigors of *The Passion* took a serious toll on his health that ultimately required two heart surgeries, including open-heart surgery.

With his new movie, *Sound of Freedom,* Caviezel has put his life on the line again, though in a different sense. The physical demands in making the film do not compare to those of his role in Gibson's *Passion*, but the very real danger of reprisal from the powerful forces promoting and protecting child sex trafficking is nothing to trivialize. The drug cartels, porn cartels, and Deep State actors involved in this burgeoning child-rape industry are the vilest of criminals and will not hesitate to physically elim-

Jim Caviezel with wife, Kerri Browitt Caviezel

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inate those who jeopardize their growing multibillion-dollar empire. Caviezel has addressed this concern in multiple interviews, but says that these dangers and threats will not cause him to relent in his fight against the child sex traffickers. *Sound of Freedom*, he says, is a launchpad to educate and activate millions of people worldwide to save the children and bring the criminals behind this abominable flesh trade to justice.

Jim Caviezel with Mel Gibson

Icon Productions

"Jesus Is Above All Else"

"I've never forgotten that the name of Jesus is above all else," Caviezel said in a 2017 interview with Polish film and culture critic Lukasz Adamski. "It is also the most controversial name of all time," he continued. "Love is controversial, and He personifies love. Jesus was telling the Romans about love and they killed Him because of that…. He was betrayed by His own people and abandoned by everyone. My duty was not only to show it all on the screen. My real duty is to live in accordance with the gospel every day and to give witness to the truth."

"When I played Jesus," he told Adamski, "I prayed a lot. I asked God to show me how I can present Jesus in the most accurate way. How to make the viewers feel closer to Him. How to inspire the viewers. It has been my inner journey which as we can see hasn't finished yet." Caviezel, a devout Catholic, says a crucial component of preparation for his role involved the spiritual discipline of going to confession, attending Mass, receiving Holy Communion, and praying the rosary each day during filming of *The Passion of the Christ*. "The role of Jesus was the most difficult endeavor I've ever taken up. There is nothing more glorious and at the same time more humbling than this role. Nothing could teach me humility better."

Adamski pointed out an interesting "coincidence" of facts: "You were 33 years old, your initials were J.C. and you played Jesus." Caviezel responded with an immediate rebuke to the idea that this was mere happenstance. "Don't you tell me it was a coincidence!" he replied. "There are no coincidences. I keep on hearing about accidents and strokes of luck. Secularization affects the entire world, also the USA. Only the atheists believe in coincidence. There are no coincidences for God. Even when God resurrects the dead, they will say it happened by an accident."

In 2007 Caviezel provided the voice of Jesus in *The Word of Promise*, a popular New Testament audio series. "My prayer was I didn't want people to see me," he told *Catholic Digest*. "I want people to see Jesus. The only difference between this and a movie is that you have no visual. You hear the lightning strike. You hear the birds chirping. You hear what it might have been like in that time. And it engages your heart and your emotions. And all of a sudden your life begins to change a little bit every day. And you won't have to tell people whether you're praying or not; they will know you're praying. Because I'll tell you, the difference between that person and someone who does not pray [is that] he has peace and real love. And if you change just a little bit every day, my gosh, you're going to start experiencing heaven now, not waiting until you die to experience it."

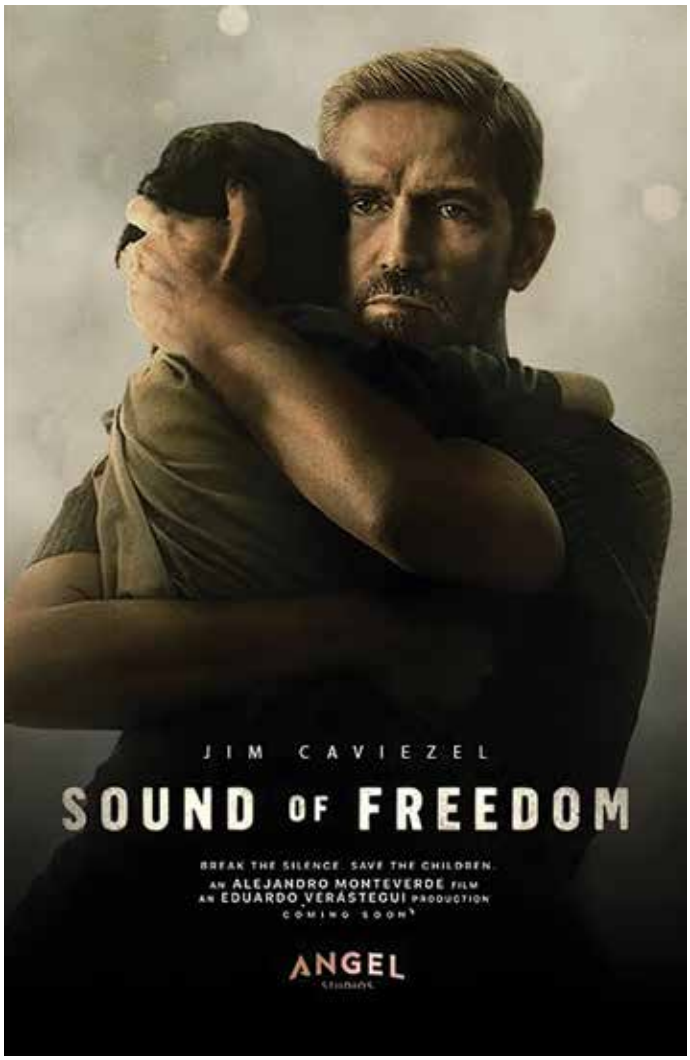
Attack of the Christophobes

The retribution from the Hollywood elites to Caviezel's gripping portrayal of Jesus Christ in Gibson's *Passion* was not long in coming. His stunning performance in that role rightfully should have launched him to mega-stardom. Instead, it had the opposite effect. Just as his acting career was taking off it came crashing down. Like most actors, he had begun learning his craft doing small parts in television and movies. Prior to *The Passion of the Christ*, he had begun garnering critical acclaim and a growing fan base for roles in *Wyatt Earp* (1994), *G.I. Jane* (1997), *The Thin Red Line* (1998), *Frequency* (2000), *Pay It Forward* (2000), *Angel Eyes* (2001), *High Crimes* (2002), *The*

Count of Monte Cristo (2002), and *I Am David* (2003).

But *Passion* was radioactive, and not only because of controversies swirling around Mel Gibson at the time. "A lot of people in the industry called me and told me not to do the movie," Caviezel said on *The Charlie Kirk Show*. "I read the script and everything in the movie was in the Gospels. I began to understand that they don't like those Gospels. They don't like it."

"All of the sudden I stopped being one of five most popular actors in the studio and I haven't done anything wrong," Caviezel told Poland's Adamski. "I just played Jesus. Was I personally touched by this rejection? Well, everyone has their cross to bear … but after all, I will not be in this world forever. Neither will the producers from Hollywood. At some point, everyone will have to answer for what they have done." This focus on "The Four Last Things" (death, judgment, heaven, hell) is central to Caviezel's worldview and appears again and again in his discussions of his life, work, and motivation. Babylon may have slammed doors in his face, but God opened others for him. Despite his Hollywood banishment, he has starred or co-starred in successful independent films (*Déjà Vu*, *Transit*, *The Stoning of Saroya M*, *Escape Plan*, *Savannah*, *Infidel*, *Paul — Apostle of Christ*) and the highly popular Jonathan Nolan science fiction/crime drama television series *Person of Interest* that ran on CBS for five seasons. And, against all odds, his new blockbuster *Sound of Freedom* not only has been a huge financial success, but also has awakened a huge base for activism against child trafficking.



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Family Man: No On-screen Sex, Please

Everyone knows that "sex sells," and no place has sold more of it — of every sordid variety — than Hollywood. Passionate kissing, stripping, and sex romping (including simulated coitus) have been standard fare in movies for so long that every new film attempt to stir the *furor sexualis* comes off as just another cheap, tired gimmick drawn from the same exhausted Tinsel Town well by the same depraved, unindicted co-conspirators of Harvey Weinstein. The so-called love scenes (i.e., sex romps) that litter just about every film genre are blatant efforts to shoehorn pornography into every celluloid "entertainment" offering. Even children's cartoons. Yes, Hollywood is oh-so-tolerant — except when it comes to tolerating actors who refuse to join in the institutionalized debauchery. That's another reason why Jim Caviezel, in addition to his outspoken Christian faith, is persona non grata today in Babylon.

The actor says that his faith and his marriage preclude him from doing on film what many movie scripts require. "I have a hard time getting naked on film," Caviezel told *People* magazine. "I don't believe in it. I don't think it's right. In my faith, I'm taught that abstinence is important.... You're never gonna see my butt on film." In the 2001 romantic drama *Angel Eyes* with Jennifer Lopez, Caviezel let it be known he wasn't going to get in the buff with his co-star. "I just said, 'Look, put a top on her. I'm gonna keep my shorts on, she's gonna keep hers on. Get the camera and shoot around it.' And that's out of devotion, love, and respect to my wife."

He refused to do a sex scene with Ashley Judd in *High Crimes*, a stance that reportedly enraged the director. "I do love scenes — but not ones with gratuitous sex," Caviezel said. "I also don't do gratuitous violence. And it's not just about my

wife, although that's important. It's sin, pure and simple. I mean, it's wrong." Sin? That's *definitely* a taboo concept to the Sin City sophisticates.

"People [in the entertainment industry] are always saying, 'Look, I'm not your kid's role model.' But that's wrong. I don't care how you look at it; we're all role models. And there's a responsibility that comes with that," said Caviezel, echoing a belief that was once universally embraced but is now universally ridiculed by the social, political, and academic elites.

Jim Caviezel and his wife, Kerri, believe in *living* their faith and pro-life convictions. Not only do they publicly oppose abortion, but they have also adopted three abandoned special-needs children from China, two of whom had brain cancer. Being a father has personalized Caviezel's sense of outrage over child trafficking and heightened his resolve to do something about it.

Time to Fight the Good Fight

"Lukewarm Christianity, that's not Christianity," Caviezel declared on *The Charlie Kirk Show*. "And so, we're the ones who have to lead, because it has to come from the people, and it has to come from a spirit where we're fearless. And when love comes into the heart at such a level that you would die for it, well, wouldn't you die for your children at least? Maybe you wouldn't die for your republic [or] wouldn't die for your country, O.K., fine, but what about your children? Or would you just hand them over? And so, America and the world, when they see [*Sound of Freedom*], they're being reawakened because the media has lied too many times, and this is the straw that broke the camel's back. That's what you're seeing right now."

In preparing for his role in *Sound of Freedom*, he worked intensively with former federal agents who arrest pedophiles and rescue enslaved children. That preparation involved the horrible task of viewing child porn/child sex abuse videos. It gave him "horrible nightmares." He says he couldn't sleep for two years after making the film (which was completed five years ago but held captive by Hollywood studios). Caviezel gets emotional, visibly shaken, when he talks about it, as he did in his interview with Charlie Kirk. "The screaming of children," he begins and then pauses to collect himself. "Well," he continues, with adamantine conviction, "there's something inside me that says that ain't going to happen on my watch because I have a father that is inside my heart and I'll go after these bastards. And it's OK to do that, and that's why the line is in there [in Scripture] 'Better a millstone be hung around their neck and they should be cast into the sea than that they ever hurt one of these little ones.' And that's what's coming for them. It's going to be a wrath on them. There will be no forgiveness, because this is the rejection of the Holy Spirit. It's the only unforgivable sin."

Jim Caviezel in *Person of Interest*

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"Only Love Can Save the World"

Tens of millions of moviegoers now eagerly await *Resurrection*, Mel Gibson's sequel to *The Passion of the Christ*, which has been in development since 2016. Caviezel will again be portraying Jesus in the film. "The thought of doing it again feels like a nightmare," he told Adamski in 2017. "However, when I come to a country like Poland and see the places of martyrdom and sacrifice, I come to realize that only love can save the world. The love of the Christ. Therefore, I want to work with Gibson again. This time it will be a film about the resurrection. If *The Passion of the Christ* inspired so many people to do good, why don't we try again? I feel like there is a purpose in my life again. That's why I've played in a TV series [*Person of Interest*] about a man looking for a purpose for the last five years. I don't do it just for the money. I do it for the love. It's my Christian mission." ■

God's Love and Bounty Abounds

Mike and Lana Cross of Anadarko, Oklahoma, are spreading kindness in their community in a unique way — by giving away the produce grown from their abundant garden for free.

KFOR reported that the couple is in their 70s, but they continue to spend six hours a day harvesting crops in their garden through all types of weather. Their crops include onions, okra, zucchini, berries, potatoes, and peas, the majority of which they provide to members of their community.

The Crosses take this job very seriously, and have built a kitchen in their garage to wash and prepare their produce before storing it in multiple deep freezers.

Beyond growing, washing, and storing the produce, Mike and Lana also deliver the produce themselves to those who need it most in their area.

"They bring their car loaded down with it to church, and after church they open up the tailgate and let people get what they want," neighbor Sondra Weaver told KFOR.

The couple also provide free produce to the widows who rent duplexes from them on their property.

Weaver was so touched by the Crosses' generosity that she nominated them for the KFOR "Pay It Forward Recognition" segment and the chance to win a $400 gift card. On July 13, a news van from KFOR arrived at the Crosses' home, along with a church van full of the Crosses' closest friends, to deliver their winnings and record an interview with the couple.

When asked what compelled them to give away their produce, Mike simply answered, "God grows it; our part is to share it."

Lana told KFOR they do it "to bring joy to my friends and just to glorify God. Every morning we thank him for the bounty of the garden because it's so much fun to grow."

According to KFOR, the couple's last name is fitting, as Lana and Mike have several crosses on their property to create a "mission 'field,' so to speak — a place where kindness is always in bloom."

Come One, Come All

Two brothers in Ohio were devastated when none of their invited guests showed up to their July 16 park party, but strangers from the Defiance community helped to turn the party around.

The boys' dad, Ronny Meyer, told WECT that his sons Niklaus and Kol wanted similar parties, so he decided to throw them a joint birthday celebration for their fourth and sixth birthdays.

But even though many of their friends who had been invited said they were coming, none of them turned out for party. Seeing the boys' disappointment, Meyer's wife, Lacy, turned to the Defiance community page on Facebook and invited families to come to Diehl Park for cake, hot dogs, water balloons, and fun.

Before long, the pavilion was filled with dozens of guests — strangers turned friends. The Defiance Fire Department was among the group of strangers who arrived to brighten the boys' day. One guest even showed up in a Spider-Man costume, and Spider-Man just happens to be one of Kol's favorite characters.

Meyer said the boys are still glowing from the excitement of the day. "They're still excited about it. They're so surprised at how it all turned out," he said. "My wife and I were both in tears because it's nothing like what we would've expected."

Dumpster Diving

Parks Operation Supervisor Laura Perez of Corpus Christi, Texas, went above and beyond her job requirements to "dumpster dive" in search of a 17-year-old's invaluable ring.

Emily Dickerson of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was with her choir in McGee Beach in Corpus Christi on June 16 after a performance at the San Antonio Six Flags when she removed her rings for safekeeping. Unfortunately, all four of them were accidentally thrown away. One of the rings contained the ashes of her deceased father.

When Dickerson realized her error, she was already on the bus back home to Iowa. Dickerson's mother, Tina, called the city and left a message with the Parks and Recreation Department, hoping for a miracle. Fortunately, Perez heard the message and acted immediately.

Breitbart.com reported that Perez traced the trash back to a large, four-ton dumpster that had been sitting outside in the heat. Perez and her teammates decided to dive right in and sort through the trash until they found all four rings. After three hours of searching in temperatures that felt like 115 degrees, they found the ring with Dickerson's father's ashes. They continued to search until they found the remaining three rings — one from Dickerson's grandmother, a Sweet 16 ring, and a promise ring from Dickerson's boyfriend.

Amazingly, Dickerson told news station KSAT, the team did not even know the sentimentality behind the missing rings, yet still "went above and beyond" for her.

A Stylish Sendoff

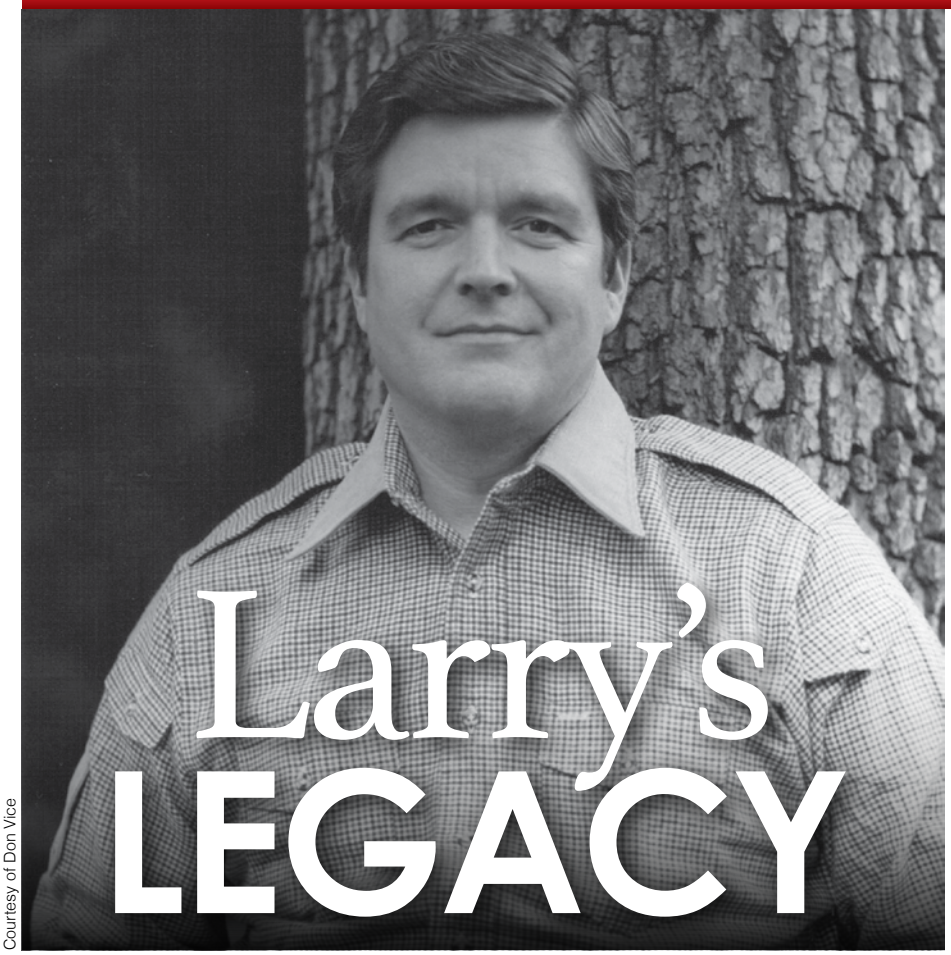
When 10-year-old Drew Patchin headed to Houston from Creve Coeur, Missouri, for a July 19 surgery for a rare form of brain cancer, his firefighter neighbor Joshua Gumpenberger wanted to send him off in style, Fox2Now reported.

Gumpenberger, of the St. Louis City Fire Department, knew that one of Drew's wishes was to be famous, so he decided to organize a police and fire escort to lead Drew and his family on their white tour bus out of the city. He invited friends, family, and community members to line the streets to salute Drew as they drove off to Houston.

Before boarding the bus, Drew was presented with his own fire helmet and received patches and challenge coins from various emergency services departments, according to a Facebook post. Police, firefighters, and ambulance drivers waited to begin escorting the tour bus out of the St. Louis area.

Gumpenberger felt compelled to do something for Drew, having experienced similar health challenges as a teenager. His advice to Drew is to stay positive. In the meantime, he invites everyone to pray for Drew and his family. Drew's surgery was a success, but his treatment and journey ahead will be long and complicated. ■

— Raven Clabough



Courtesy of Don Vice

Larry's LEGACY

Larry McDonald was a doctor, a congressman, and chairman of The John Birch Society. His success was based on a willingness both to learn and to teach what he knew.

by Christian Gomez

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge" — Hosea 4:6, KJV

In this passage of Scripture from the Old Testament, the prophet Hosea was lamenting the fact that because the nation of Israel had forsaken knowledge, it now faced captivity and rejection from the Lord. This was Larry McDonald's favorite passage from the Bible, according to both his youngest son, Larry McDonald, Jr., and his former campaign manager, Don Vice. He would often insert and quote it in his speeches that identified the cause and solution to America's declining condition. Like the prophet Hosea, McDonald lamented America's decline as the result of what he also saw as a lack of knowledge — a lack of knowledge about the severity of the threat of communism and a lack of knowledge of the principles outlined in the Constitution. To save America, McDonald believed that education was the key.

While en route to South Korea aboard commercial Korean Air Lines Flight 007 in 1983, Georgia Congressman Larry McDonald and 268 others were lost at sea, when a Soviet MiG-23 "Flogger" and three Soviet Su-15 "Flagon" fighters intercepted and shot down the plane over Sakhalin Island, in the Sea of Japan. He was a practicing urologist, a five-term member of Congress possessing a consistent constitutionalist voting record, an active member of The John Birch Society who eventually became its chairman, the chairman of Western Goals Foundation, an ardent anti-communist, and a stalwart defender of the Constitution.

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Education and Medical Practice

Lawrence Patton McDonald was born on April 1, 1935, in Atlanta, Georgia, to parents Dr. Harold P. McDonald, Sr., and Callie Patton McDonald, who was a cousin of General George S. Patton. McDonald was only 10 years old when George S. Patton died shortly following a car collision in Germany in 1945. McDonald became fascinated with his deceased relative at an early age, learning everything he could about him from family members, and buying and reading books about him. Before the tragedy of KAL 007, McDonald was said to own every book ever written about or by General Patton. He loved to read, a trait that he most likely picked up from his mother, who also enjoyed reading. Although Larry was not a speed reader, he was able to retain almost everything that he did read and often recited quotations from his reading in his speeches, such as quotes from Patton and Bible verses, such as Isaiah 5:13 and Hosea 4:6.

In the McDonald household, the dinner table would often take the form of a debate, and it was there where a young Larry McDonald learned how to debate from his father, Harold McDonald. Larry was never a rowdy or loud child; if anything he was more soft-spoken, always very cool and collected. This was a trait that he would carry throughout his life.

At an early age, Larry McDonald set out to follow in the footsteps of his father and grandfather, both of whom were physicians in Georgia. His father opened the renowned McDonald Urology Clinic in Atlanta. Larry McDonald graduated second in his class from Darlington School in Rome, Georgia. In 1953, he graduated and completed his pre-medical training from Davidson College and was then accepted into Emory Medical School, just prior to his 18th birthday. Upon graduating from Emory in 1957, Larry McDonald became the second-youngest physician in Georgia

state history at the age of 22. His father beat him by a couple of months, having been the youngest physician in the state's history.

After graduation, McDonald joined the U.S. Navy, serving four years' active duty as a physician and flight surgeon. During this time, he interned at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland, and served as a Navy flight surgeon, stationed in Reykjavik, Iceland. By the time he completed his four years of active duty, he had advanced to the rank of lieutenant commander. He continued in the Naval Reserves, and eventually rose to the rank of captain.

From 1961 to 1963, he went back to Atlanta to do two years of residency in general surgery. He then moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he did a three-year residency in urology at the University of Michigan. It was at this time that McDonald made his first run for public office, the Ann Arbor City Council. Although his views were more conservative than those of most Republicans, he ran as a Democrat but lost. When his three-year urology residency was completed, he returned to Atlanta to work with his father and older brother as a junior member at the McDonald Urology Clinic.

"Destroyed for Lack of Knowledge"

In addition to his passion for medicine, Larry McDonald became deeply concerned about communism. He did not awaken to the threat of communism until his tour as a Navy flight surgeon in Reykjavik. In 1985, his older brother, Harold McDonald, Jr., recounted to *The New American* magazine the eye-opening experience:

> He went to the commanding officer in Iceland when he thought the U.S. Embassy appeared to be doing things advantageous to the communists, who were very influential in the country. He was told something that rang in his ears: "You don't understand the big picture." He began to think, "Maybe I do."
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> He came back from Iceland after discharging his Naval Reserve active duty obligations and began reading political history and books on foreign policy, sometimes two or three a week. He also looked around for anyone else concerned about communism, and the only organization he found trying to do anything was The John Birch Society. Larry believed in saving the country from communism as strongly as a missionary to Africa in the 19th century believed in saving the souls of the people.

McDonald's desire to help inform others about the threat of communism and how to stop it led him to join The John Birch Society in 1963. In 1967, he became the youngest member elevated to the National Council of The John Birch Society. In March 1983, shortly before his ill-fated flight, McDonald became chairman of The John Birch Society. From the time he became a member, he was a popular lecturer for the society. He gave numerous speeches and presentations, covering such topics as the economics of inflation, fiat currency, and high taxes; the history of America's Founding Fathers and the Constitution; the rise of Bolshevism in Russia and the subsequent spread of international communism; and the elitist globalist agenda of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Trilateral Commission.

Through his local leadership as a speaker and organizer within The John Birch Society and its chapters in Cobb County, Georgia, McDonald worked toward building an informed electorate.

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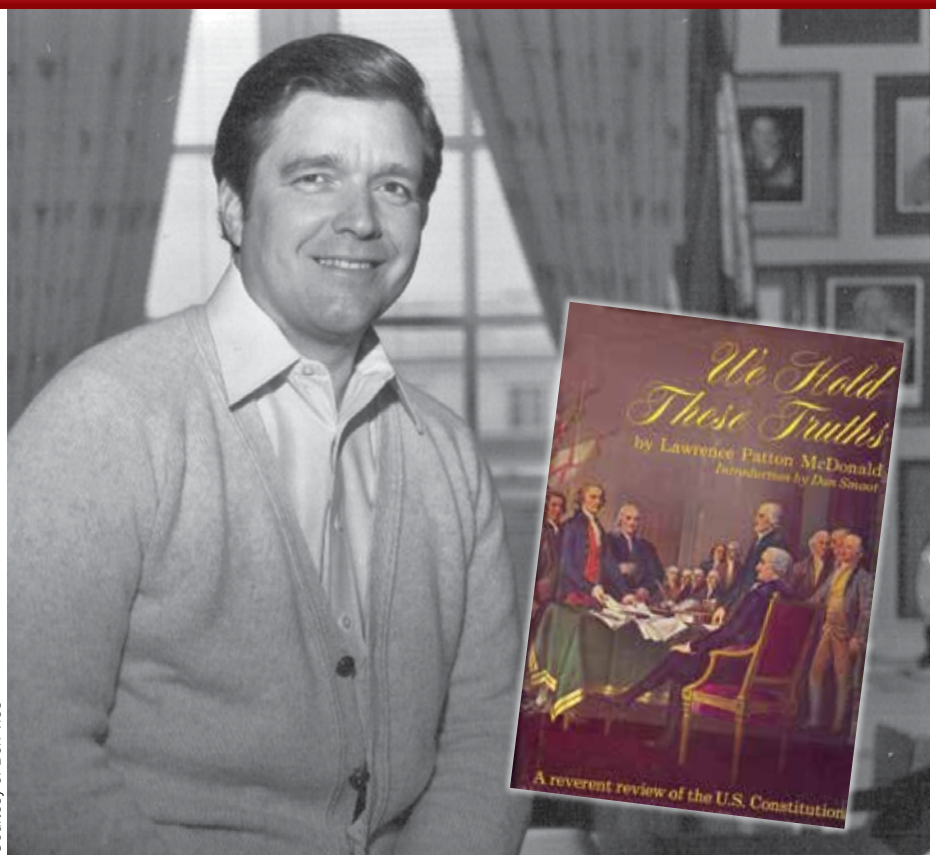
Role model and relative: Seen here in Italy in 1943, General George S. Patton was a personal hero and a cousin of Larry McDonald, related through his mother, Callie Patton McDonald. Larry McDonald often quoted Patton.

Dr. McDonald Goes to Washington

On February 8, 1972, Larry McDonald announced that he would run for the House of Representatives, challenging six-term incumbent Rep. John W. Davis in the Democratic primary. McDonald chose his good friend Don Vice as his campaign manager. The race was close, but in the end Congressman Davis won and eventually went on to defeat Republican candidate Charles Sherrill in the general election. Although McDonald lost, he still managed to get 48 percent of the total votes in the primary, winning a majority of the counties. This was an incredible achievement for McDonald, who as a political novice was able to attain almost half of the total votes in the primary against a long-standing incumbent. This feat would not have been possible without the tireless efforts of Larry McDonald to build an informed electorate throughout the 7th Congressional District.

Most of the residents in the district



Courtesy of Don Vice

Telling the truth: In 1976, Larry McDonald authored a 180-page book entitled *We Hold These Truths* that detailed how the Constitution was formed, its meaning, and how it should be applied with regard to the various issues facing the country.

(307,000 of 460,000) live in the five counties McDonald won. This was a strong indication that he could win the Democratic primary and sweep a victory in the general election. Two years later, again with Don Vice as his campaign manager, that is precisely what happened. Doctor McDonald became Congressman McDonald.

In the summer of 1975, a young man named David Chandler had the opportunity to work as an intern in Larry McDonald's congressional office in Washington, D.C. "When he [McDonald] came into the room, you could tell something was different. He had a presence about him," said Chandler about Larry McDonald. During his six-week summer internship, he had the additional privilege of living with McDonald for three weeks. As a result he got a first-hand account of the type of man McDonald was in Congress. "He was totally no nonsense. He knew who the players were, he knew who the leftists were, and he spent his time in the office from early in the morning to late at night," Chandler said.

Larry McDonald continued to give speeches in his home state of Georgia, in venues throughout the country, and on the floor of the House of Representatives, in order to educate and better inform both the electorate and his colleagues in Congress. After completing his first two-year term in the House, *People* magazine asked him his reason for running for Congress. "I see myself as something of a fireman out of necessity," McDonald said. "You become one when your house is burning. That's why I'm in Congress." The house was burning because of a lack of knowledge, and the only way to put out the fire before the people became destroyed was through building an informed electorate; this remained his primary objective while in office.

His life as a congressman and a rising figure in The John Birch Society was one of long hours and hard work, leaving him with very little time for himself. "He was busy all the time," recalled Don Vice, who also served as McDonald's district manager in Georgia. "He lived with his family; he was working for the cause so to speak. He also found some time to be an avid outdoorsman." McDonald always kept his fishing gear in the car as he traveled with Vice through the north Georgia district. "He loved to hunt and fish, especially fly fishing," said Vice. "Often he would see a small stream or creek and he would urge me to pull over so he could just spend 10 or 15 minutes fishing, in his suit, [while we were] on our way to a political meeting or campaign event."

McDonald squeezed in short fishing breaks, spent time with his wife and children, or went to his mother's house for some of her delicious homemade fried chicken whenever he could, because working vigorously toward building an informed electorate was a monumental task.

Principled and Consistent Statesman

One of the major subjects that McDonald believed the American people lacked knowledge about was the Federal Reserve. In his book *We Hold These Truths*, published in 1976, McDonald wrote:

> At first, the Federal Reserve paper money had to be backed by gold, amounting to twenty-five percent of its face value. With the Gold Reserve Act of 1934, Franklin D. Roosevelt took the United States off the Gold Standard and confiscated all monetary gold in the country, exchanging gold certificates for it. From then until 1968, the twenty-five percent backing of Federal Reserve paper money was in gold certificates. In 1968, Lyndon Johnson removed the gold-certificate reserve requirement. Later, Richard Nixon devalued gold.
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> Because of these and other complex manipulations, not many people now understand how the Federal Reserve System works.

According to McDonald, the most adverse changes to the U.S. economy and government occurred when the Federal Reserve was created, during the administration of President Woodrow Wilson (1913-1921). McDonald wrote:

> Without the Federal Reserve System creating elastic currency, without the Sixteenth Amendment giving government limitless power to take the currency away from the people; and without the Seventeenth Amendment eliminating state-government influence in the U.S. Senate, the federal government might not have taken us into the European war in 1917, or all the wars since.
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> While campaigning for his second term, President Woodrow Wilson promised to keep us out of the war. After reelection, he promised that he would save the world for democracy by getting into the war. Both promises were deliberate deceptions.

At 180 pages, *We Hold These Truths* is a concise, informative, and easy-to-read book detailing the formation of the Constitution, what it says and means, and the issues facing the country.

"I must have become somewhat cynical about Congress, because never, in my happiest daydream, did I ever imagine a Member of the United States Congress writing a book like this one," wrote Dan Smoot in the book's introduction. Dan Smoot, who passed away in 2003, was an FBI agent and renowned conservative commentator. He is most remembered for *The Dan Smoot Report*, which he published from the 1950s to early '70s, which detailed communist infiltration and subversion within the U.S. government.

"You will not find one sacred cow being protected in this book. Congressman Larry McDonald indicts everyone and everything that gets in the way of a constitutional principle."

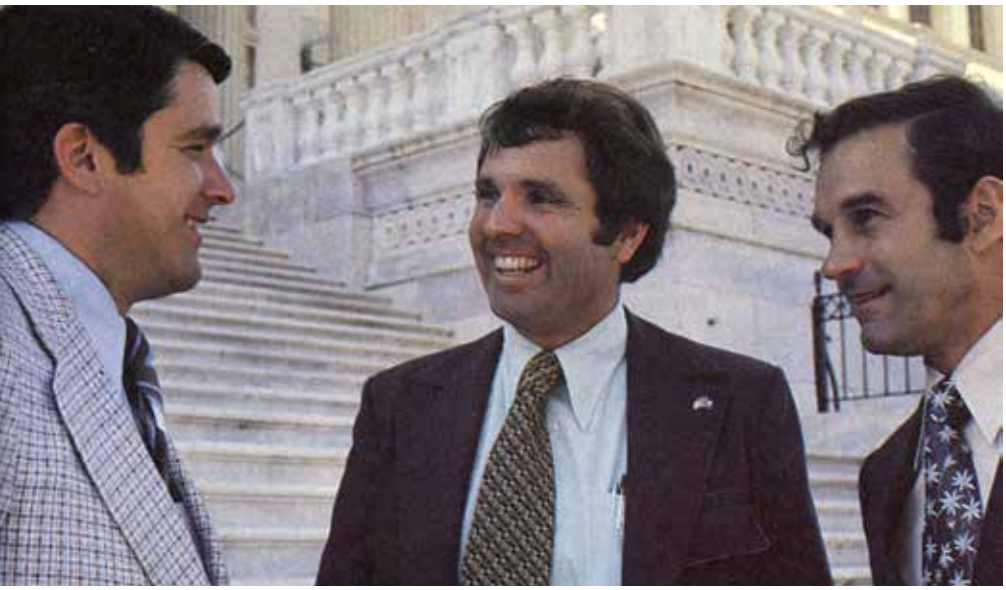
In 1978, McDonald introduced H.R. 12781, a bill that would have required the comptroller general of the United States to annually audit the amount of gold held by the United States and report those findings to Congress on the first day of each fiscal year. Unfortunately this bill did not receive any cosponsors, but this did not deter him. He continued to sponsor and cosponsor an array of sound money bills, many of which were introduced by his good friend, Republican Representative Ron Paul of Texas. As was the case with most of Ron Paul's bills at the time, Larry McDonald was usually the only cosponsor for Paul's financial and monetary bills, such as the Sound Money Act of 1979. Ron Paul would have likely cosponsored H.R. 12781, but he was temporarily not in office in 1978.

Before voting on any bill, Rep. McDonald always asked himself the following three questions: (1) Is it constitutional? (2) Do we need it? and (3) Can we afford it? Given this very strict set of voting parameters, Larry McDonald voted against the majority of bills. Based on how he voted and because he was a physician, Congressman McDonald earned the nickname "Dr. No," as did Congressman Paul.

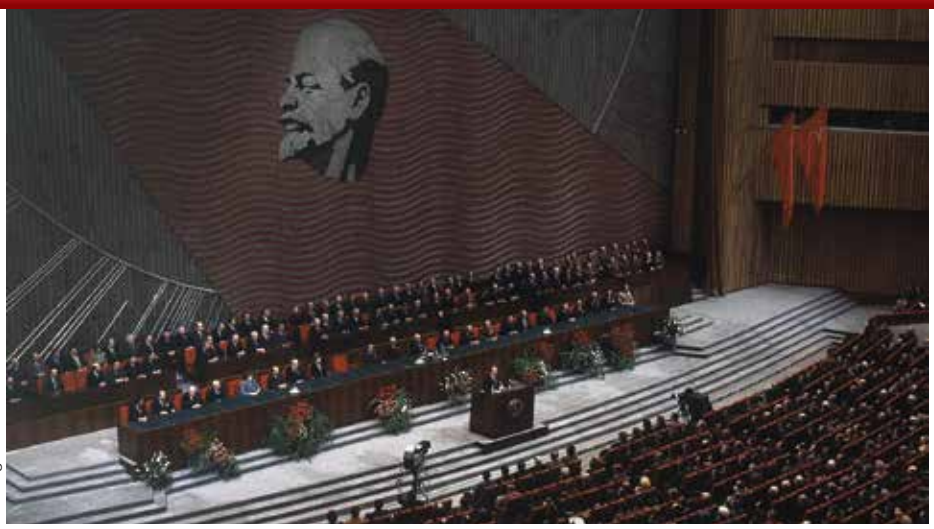
In an interview for the *Philadelphia Inquirer*, Ron Paul said of Larry McDonald, "He was the most principled man in Congress." McDonald's principled stand was reflected in his voting record. Year after year, Larry McDonald scored perfect 100-percent ratings in the "Conservative Index" published by *The Review of the News* magazine, which was a forerunner of *The New American* magazine's current "Freedom Index." In addition to his consistent constitutional credentials in *The Review of the News*, McDonald also scored remarkably high in other scorecards. In 1982, for instance, McDonald scored perfect 100-percent ratings from the American Conservative Union, Americans for Constitutional Action, Christian Voice, National Alliance of Senior Citizens, National Conservative Political Action Committee, National Chamber of Commerce, and the National Federation of Independent Business.

Although elected as a Democrat, McDonald voted against his party 90 percent of the time, according to the September 3, 1983 issue of *Congressional Quarterly*. He even voted against the standard traditional party-line vote for Democrat Tip O'Neill of Massachusetts for speaker of the House. McDonald was not concerned about party labels, rather his voting criteria was based solely on the Constitution. However, when asked by *People* magazine if he would remain a Democrat, he responded, "I am a historic Democrat, but if Thomas Jefferson were alive today I doubt if he would be a Democrat."

With each passing year, McDonald's effort to educate his fellow congressmen in the House was gaining momentum. On June 28, 1979, McDonald introduced H.R. 4665, a bill to make appropriations for the purchase of silver for stockpiling under the Strategic and Critical Materials Stockpiling Act. This bill garnered the cosponsorship of a wide range of representatives, including Dick Cheney of Wyo-



Friends in Congress: Representative Larry McDonald (D-Ga.) talking with two of his closest colleagues in Congress, Senator Steve Symms (R-Idaho; center) and Representative Ron Paul (R-Texas). Representatives McDonald and Paul often voted together and cosponsored each other's bills.



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Educating the electorate: Congressman McDonald devoted much of his work to exposing communism and revealing how international terrorism was being directed out of the Kremlin by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, seen here celebrating the 113th birthday of Vladimir Lenin in Moscow on April 22, 1983.

ming, Newt Gingrich of Georgia, Barry Goldwater, Jr. of California, and Ron Paul of Texas. With a total of 70 cosponsors, the bill unfortunately did not pass, but it demonstrated the wide range of influence that McDonald had across the aisle during his congressional tenure.

On foreign policy, McDonald was a strong advocate of American withdrawal from the United Nations. At the time his plane was shot down in 1983, he had introduced H.R. 865, the United Nations Termination Act, which called for the withdrawal of the United States from the United Nations and the UN from U.S. soil. The bill's only cosponsor that year was Ron Paul. On September 14, 1983, shortly after KAL 007 was shot down, Congressman Paul reintroduced the bill as H.R. 3891, also entitled the United Nations Termination Act, in honor of Larry McDonald's bill. In McDonald's absence, Paul continued to champion the cause of building an informed electorate and advocating American withdrawal from the United Nations. Beginning in 1983, Ron Paul reintroduced McDonald's old bill every year he was in office. Readers may recognize it by its more recent name: the American Sovereignty Restoration Act, which is now sponsored by Congressman Paul Broun of Georgia.

Informing the Electorate

On the foreign policy front, the biggest issue Americans lacked knowledge about, McDonald believed, was in the area of communism. Larry McDonald saw no greater threat to the security of the United States, the Constitution, and the liberties it protected than that of international communism and the newly emerging threat of international terrorism. Based on his endless research exposing the matter, Congressman McDonald believed that both international communism and terrorism were being directed out of Moscow by the KGB and the Politburo of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union.

In response to this threat, Larry McDonald established the Western Goals Foundation, a nongovernmental intelligence organization that conducted extensive research and published reports, as well as produced documentaries about the Soviet financial backing and transfer of arms to communist parties, Marxist guerrillas, and terrorist groups throughout the world. In an interview for the documentary *No Place to Hide*, produced by Western Goals in 1982, McDonald said, "Yes we are at war — very definitely, we have been at war; it's an economic war, it's a war of subversion, it's a war of espionage, it's a war of ideas, it's a war of terrorism and it's a war of infiltration."

A part of Moscow's quest for world domination was the instituting of internal Soviet subversion in the United States. To combat this, Congressman McDonald devoted much of his legislative career to fully reinstating the House Committee on Internal Security, the Senate Sub-Committee on Internal Security, the Attorney General's List of Subversive Organizations, the Internal Security Division of the Justice Department, the Subversive Activities Control Board, and the intelligence units of local police departments. Congressman McDonald would also often reveal the names of known communist front organizations and their members into the *Congressional Record*. He exposed the activities and Soviet linkages of many groups operating in the United States, such as the Black Panther Party; Communist Party USA; FALN, the Puerto Rican Marxist terror group; Socialist Workers Party; Students for a Democratic Society; and the Weather Underground.

The purpose of much of Larry McDonald's anti-communist work in Congress and the Western Goals Foundation was to inform the American people and his fellow congressmen about the very real and active threat that communism posed to liberty. Communism represented the total loss of all individual freedom and the subjugation of the people under a totalitarian police state. This appalled Larry McDonald, and was of great concern to most liberty-minded constitutional conservatives throughout the Cold War. If the American people lacked knowledge about communism, then they would surely be destroyed by the communists, McDonald believed; thus he devoted himself to informing the electorate about the severity of this threat. Not surprisingly, as Larry McDonald's influence gained strength in Congress and throughout the world through the Western Goals Foundation, he became an archenemy of the communists, including the Soviets.

It was while he was en route to a meeting in Seoul, South Korea, to deliver a speech about South Korean and U.S. cooperation in the struggle against Soviet-led international communism that his flight was intercepted and shot down by Soviet fighters over the Sea of Japan, near Sakhalin Island. In his life, Larry McDonald was recognized for his commitment to advancing and protecting the principles and ideals of liberty outlined in the Constitution; and in his memory neither he nor the knowledge he sought to have others know should be forgotten or rejected. ■

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KAL FLIGHT 007 REMEMBERED

On September 1, 1983, a Soviet fighter fired on Korean Airlines Flight 007. The stricken plane supposedly spiraled into the sea, but the evidence suggests otherwise.

A view of Korean Airlines plane number HL7442 on the runway in Hawaii in 1982. This same 747 flew as KAL Flight 007 on September 1, 1983. The most prominent passenger on the flight was U.S. Representative Larry McDonald, who was such a strident foe of the communists that a Soviet defector revealed that the KGB had assigned an intelligence desk to monitor him exclusively.

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by Warren Mass

This article was originally published in our September 8, 2008 issue. It is reprinted here (condensed) to mark the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the downing of KAL 007. Warren Mass, a longtime contributor to this magazine, passed away in 2021.

It has been 25 years since Korean Airlines Flight 007, carrying 269 passengers and crew, including Congressman Larry McDonald of Georgia, was fired on by a Soviet fighter jet off the coast of Siberia. At the time, McDonald was chairman of The John Birch Society.

Although several speakers eulogized McDonald at a Washington, D.C., memorial service 10 days following the September 1, 1983 attack, the words most remembered by both this magazine's editor, Gary Benoit, and this writer were delivered by Senator Jesse Helms (R-N.C.). Helms was headed for the same conference in Seoul, South Korea, as was Congressman McDonald, but on a different plane (KAL 015). Both planes, flying on schedules just minutes apart, stopped at Anchorage, Alaska, for refueling, and passengers from each could deplane and stretch their legs. McDonald decided to stay onboard, but Senator Helms opted to visit the terminal, where he mingled with passengers from the doomed KAL 007. During the layover, Helms met two little girls who were passengers on McDonald's plane, Noel Anne Grenfell, five, and her sister Stacy Marie, three. The senator spoke about the encounter to the 4,000 people gathered at the McDonald memorial service, and often again in the years that followed:

> I'll never forget that night when that plane was just beside ours at Anchorage airport with two little girls and their parents. I taught them, among other things, to say I love you in deaf [sign] language, and the last thing they did when they turned the corner was stick up their little hands and tell me they loved me.

Few who heard the story forgot it, and there was not a dry eye in the house that sultry Washington afternoon.

President Ronald Reagan made a strongly worded speech on national television on September 5, 1983, during which he called the attack a "crime against humanity" that had "absolutely no justification, either legal or moral." He used the word "massacre" six times to describe the attack against a civilian airliner, and boldly proclaimed: "This attack was not just against ourselves or the Republic of Korea. This was the Soviet Union against the world and the moral precepts which guide human relations among people everywhere."

But the actions of the Reagan administration fell far short of the president's flamboyant rhetoric. Our government offered no meaningful resistance to the Soviet harassment of U.S. search-and-rescue efforts in the Sea of Japan as Soviet ships interfered with U.S. and Japanese naval vessels and helicopters attempting to find and recover KAL 007 and its black box.

That one or more Soviet fighter jets were responsible for shooting down a civilian airliner and that one of the passengers on that plane was a U.S. congressman and that the official U.S. response to the incident was pathetically weak are easily established facts. However, key details

about exactly what happened to the plane and its passengers clash with the official conclusion that the stricken airliner plummeted into the sea, killing all aboard.

What Really Happened?

Because the attack against KAL 007 took place just after it had exited Soviet airspace and the plane went down in Soviet territory, most of what we know comes from three sources: first, highly suspect early reports from the Soviets; second, radio transmissions to and from the Soviet fighter jets and their ground commanders (handed over by the Russian Federation years later); and, third, transmissions from the airliner's flight crew to Tokyo air traffic controllers. Radar tracking by Japanese stations also provided key information.

As mentioned earlier, KAL 007 was one of two Korean Airlines planes en route to Seoul, Korea, after both stopped at Anchorage for refueling. The aircraft's flight plan called for it to fly southwest from Anchorage to Japan, flying over the Pacific east of the Soviet Kamchatka Peninsula and Kuril Islands, then across the Sea of Japan to South Korea. The flight's designated corridor, Romeo 20, passed just 17.5 miles from Soviet airspace off the Kamchatka coast. However, for reasons still unexplained, the plane gradually, but steadily, deviated from its planned course until it crossed the Kamchatka Peninsula, home to the Soviet's Far East Fleet Inter-Continental Ballistic Nuclear Submarine Base. The timing for straying into this area could not have been worse. It was but a few short hours before the time that Marshal Nikolai Ogarkov, Soviet chief of general staff, had set for the test firing of the SS-25, an illegal (according to SALT II agreements) mobile Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM). The Kamchatka Peninsula was the designated target area for the missile. Though the incursion sent Soviet air defenses on high alert and fighters were scrambled, the situation calmed down as KAL 007 crossed the peninsula and reentered international airspace over the Sea of Okhotsk.

Continuing on a southwestward course, KAL 007 reentered Soviet airspace over Sakhalin Island, and fighters were scrambled with orders to "destroy the target." An exchange of communications between General Valeri Kamensky, the commander of the Soviet Far East District Air Defense Forces, and his subordinate, General Anatoli Kornukov, commander of Sokol Air Base, revealed a difference of opinion about how much verification was required before destroying the aircraft. A monitored radio transmission recorded Kamensky as stating, "We must find out, maybe it is some civilian craft or God knows who." General Kornukov defiantly replied, "What civilian? [It] has flown over Kamchatka! It [came] from the ocean without identification. I am giving the order to attack if it crosses the State border."

An article in *The New York Times* of December 9, 1996, quoted Major Gennadi Osipovich, the pilot of the Su-15 interceptor that fired on the plane: "From the flashing lights and the configuration of the windows, he recognized the aircraft as a civilian type of plane…. 'I saw two rows of windows and knew that this was a Boeing,' he said. 'I knew this was a civilian plane. But for me this meant nothing. It is easy to turn a civilian type of plane into one for military use.'"

During one exchange, General Kornukov expressed frustration with the amount of time Major Osipovich was taking to get into attack position: "Oh, [obscenities] how long does it take him to get into attack position, he is already getting out into neutral waters. Engage afterburner immediately. Bring in the MiG-23 as well…. While you are wasting time it will fly right out [of Soviet airspace]."

Major Osipovich reported starkly at one point in the transcript, "The target is destroyed."

As it happened, however, Osipovich was wrong; the "target" had not been destroyed. Subsequent radio transmissions from KAL 007 indicated that while the crew had problems in controlling the altitude of the plane (it had climbed on its own) and that the cabin had depressurized, First Officer Son had reported to the plane's Captain Chun, "Engines normal, sir." Captain Chun then turned off the plane's autopilot and took manual control of the plane, stabilizing it at 35,000 feet, its original altitude. He also contacted controllers at Tokyo, requested that they "give instructions," and reported he was "descending to one zero thousand [10,000 feet]."

According to the transcripts, there was

no further transmission from KAL 007, a factor that has been widely interpreted (or misinterpreted) to mean that the airliner either exploded or crashed into the sea at that point. But the plane was tracked on radar for more than 10 minutes after the last recorded transcript, and was picked up on radar flying at 16,424 feet four minutes after the attack. Eight minutes later, radar showed that the plane was still at 1,000 feet, indicating that the rate of descent had slowed — not what one would expect if the plane had plummeted into the sea as claimed. The pilot's request for "instructions" also indicates that he still had control over the aircraft, or else such a request would have been pointless. [Descending quickly to get down to an altitude where there's sufficient oxygen and then slowing the rate of descent is what one would expect if the cabin depressurized and the pilot was able to control the plane.]

When Soviet General Kornukov was informed that the plane had changed course to the north, he was incredulous: "Well, I understand [that the plane turned north], I do not understand the result, why is the target flying? Missiles were fired. Why is the target flying? [obscenities] Well, what is happening?" Of course, the fact that the plane changed direction suggests not only that the pilot was able to steer the aircraft but that he was going to attempt an emergency landing.

Kornukov then ordered that a MiG-23 be brought in to finish the job. However, due to KAL 007's descent and heavy cloud cover, they could not locate the plane. The Soviet interceptors, low on fuel, returned to their base without having sighted the plane. The Soviets' radar told them, however, that the plane had descended to 16,424 feet and was flying a spiral pattern over Moneron Island, in the Tartar Strait 24 miles west of Sakhalin Island.

Finally, 12 minutes after the attack, KAL 007 disappeared from radar, after dipping below the 1,000-foot level near Moneron Island. The Soviets immediately dispatched squadrons of KGB Border Guard boats, rescue helicopters, and even civilian trawlers to Moneron Island.

In the United States, the news broadcasts the evening of the disappearance of KAL 007 reported that the missing aircraft had landed safely on Sakhalin Island. But by the following morning those initial reports were forgotten, and the news was that the plane had been destroyed. [Shortly after the attack, Representative Larry McDonald's press aide Tommy Toles received a call from an FAA spokesman who told him, "Japanese self-defense force confirms that the Hokkaido radar followed Air Korea to a landing in Soviet territory on the island of Sakhalinska."]

Did KAL 007 make an emergency landing in Soviet territory? Were there survivors? Avraham Shifrin, a former Soviet army major, prisoner of the Soviet gulag, and (after immigrating to Israel) founder of the Jerusalem-based Research Center for Prisons, Psych-Prisons, and Forced Labor Concentration Camps of the USSR, concluded that there were survivors, including Representative Larry McDonald. In 1991, he issued a press release saying this, and he conveyed his information to Senator Jesse Helms' staff. On February 11, 1992, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations Minority Staff Director (under Helms) Rear Admiral Bud Nance (Ret.) wrote a letter to Shifrin, saying, "The information which you conveyed ... is safe and protected…. [A] copy of it was given to the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency for possible collaboration. The CIA found your information to be very interesting, and consistent with some of their information. Unfortunately, however, CIA was not able to either confirm or deny the balance of it." Shifrin passed away in 1998, and The New American *never saw his information that ended up with the CIA. However, even without this information (and to be clear, we viewed Shifrin as a credible authority on the subject of the Soviet gulag), the evidence is strong (albeit not conclusive) that KAL 007 landed on Sakhalin, as initial reports claimed.*

For more information, we recommend our most comprehensive article on the subject, "KAL 007: The Questions Remain Unanswered" by Robert W. Lee in our September 10, 1991 issue. We also recommend Rescue 007: The Untold Story of KAL 007 and Its Survivors *by Bert Schlossberg, the son-in-law of one of the KAL passengers.* The New American *published a video interview with Schlossberg on September 18, 2020 titled "Communists Kidnapped US Rep. McDonald After Shooting Down Airliner: Expert." Both the Lee article and the Schlossberg interview are available online.* ■

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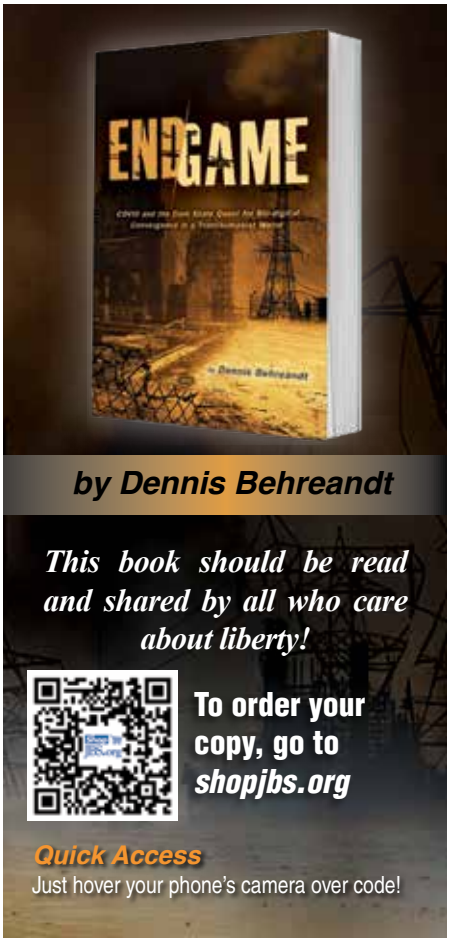
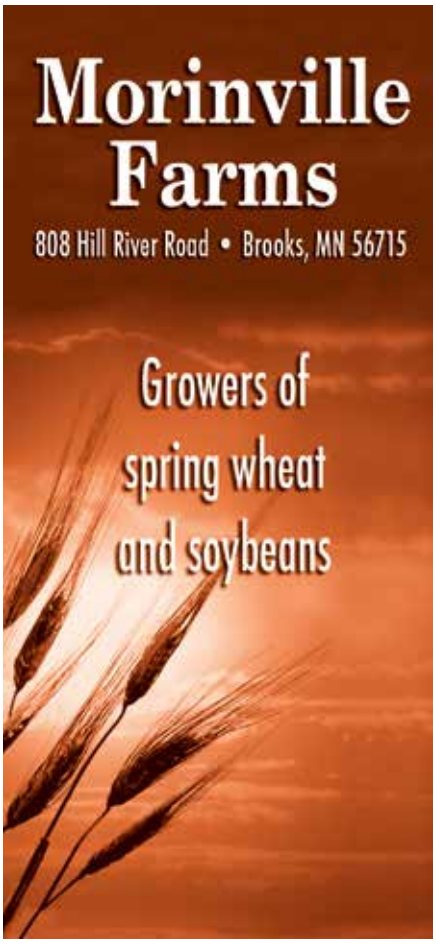
One year later: A group of people who wanted the memory of KAL 007 to live on erected cardboard tombstones in Lafayette Square, across the street from the White House, on August 31, 1984. Organizers also held a memorial march and demonstration.





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Don't Mess With Grandpa

KOAMNewsNow.com reported on July 19 about a home break-in in McDonald County, Missouri. A man and his grandfather were returning home when they discovered a vehicle in their driveway. Out of an abundance of caution, one of the two returning homeowners decided to arm himself before entering the house. The grandfather and grandson discovered that a stranger had barricaded himself in a bathroom inside the house, and was armed with a gun he stole from the house. He shot at the grandfather and grandson through the bathroom door. The armed homeowner fired back at the burglary suspect, hitting him multiple times in the legs. Once the suspect was wounded by the gunshots, the "homeowners were able to then disarm the burglar and hold him until deputies arrived," McDonald County Sheriff Rob Evenson explained.

Law enforcement did state that the suspect was known by authorities, which indicates that he might have had a criminal past and that police were not surprised by his actions. The suspect was treated at a nearby medical facility. Police investigators recommended that the prosecutor charge the suspect with "Burglary, Assault 1st Degree and Armed Criminal Action." Sheriff Evenson further stated that he was grateful "that the homeowners were not injured in this incident." It is not likely any charges will be filed against the homeowners, since their actions appear to be justifiable under the applicable law.

Four Men vs. One Woman

Fox News reported on July 16 about a Philadelphia woman who returned to her apartment in the middle of the night and discovered four burglars inside. The woman was armed and, in fear for her life, opened fire at the suspects, hitting at least two of them. All the burglars immediately fled from the apartment, but one didn't get far and collapsed on the ground nearby.

The woman called 911, and police encountered the woman standing in front of her apartment near the injured suspect, who was lying on the ground with multiple gunshot wounds. The Philadelphia Police Department released a statement to Fox News explaining that "a confrontation ensued and the complainant shot the offenders, who then fled from that location."

The first wounded suspect was treated for gunshot wounds to his arm and leg. Police soon found another wounded suspect not far from the scene; he was taken for treatment and is in stable condition. Police told Fox News that both suspects have been charged with burglary, and that "the woman's motive was to defend herself while a criminal trespass and burglary were being committed." The investigation is ongoing, and police are hoping to identify the two other suspects.

Self-defense in the Front Yard?

Fox 10 reported on an incident out of Magnolia Springs, Alabama, in which a man forced his way into a neighbor's house on the morning of July 11. Baldwin County sheriff's deputies explained that 54-year-old Noah Hastings broke in to his neighbor's house through a back door, pushed past the homeowner's daughter, and began fighting with the homeowner. The two men apparently didn't know each other, and had no prior conflicts. Captain Andre Reid of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office told Fox 10 that the homeowner was "under the impression that [the neighbor] was going to assault or do harm to [the homeowner's family].… That was what they truly believed and so, getting him out of the house at that point was priority one for them."

Hastings was forced from the house, but then he allegedly began destroying his neighbor's property while making threatening remarks. The homeowner retrieved a firearm, and went out to confront Hastings. At this point, police say, Hastings was standing on his own property, but made a threat to kill the homeowner. As Captain Reid explained, "Once he made it out into the front yard, he ended up destroying some property out front. The homeowner went back out front to confront him about that. He was armed at that point and Mr. Hastings picked up one of the items he had broken and held it up to our homeowner and indicated he was going to kill him."

Investigators believe that at this point the homeowner was reasonably in fear for both his life and the life of his loved ones, so he shot Hastings, mortally wounding him. Reid said he believes the homeowner acted well within his rights and that he had no choice but to defend himself, and police do not plan to bring any charges against him. Reid did stress that the investigation is ongoing, and that the police will "keep compiling all of our information, all of our data. We'll keep reviewing that. If something changes in the meantime, then we'll change but until that happens, what we'll do is just get all that information together, send that case off to the DA's Office and the Grand Jury and let them review this death."

It should be noted that Alabama is a "stand your ground" state, which means that the self-defense laws in the state do not require a duty to retreat. In this instance, the homeowner did not have any obligation to retreat from Hastings before using lethal force.

Guardians on Campus

Anti-gun fanatics howled when President Donald Trump suggested that arming teachers in schools might be a good way to deter future school shootings. It appears that President Trump's vision is becoming a reality in Groesbeck, Texas. KCenTV.com reported on July 17 that a local school district is implementing the "Texas Guardian Plan," which allows teachers to carry concealed firearms at schools. Superintendent Anthony Figueroa explained that "guardians" are volunteers who have gone through special training and met all other requirements to be armed. He explained that the "School Safety 'Guardian' Program," which is permitted under state law, provides "students and faculties an armed self-defense option prior to the arrival of Law Enforcement in the event of an active shooter or 'active killer' on campus." ■

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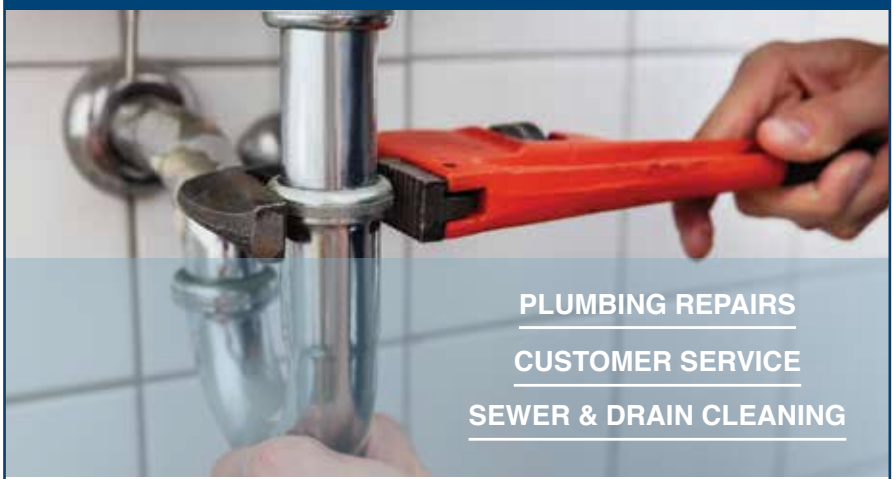

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REVIEW

Reappraising British Imperialism

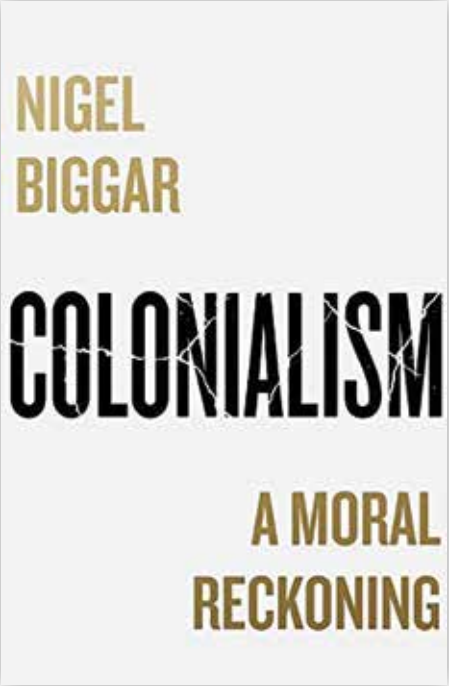
by William P. Hoar

Colonialism: A Moral Reckoning, by Nigel Biggar, London: William Collins, 2023, 496 pages, hardcover.

A lot of what we know — or think we know — just isn't so. Still, there are schools of thought that reiterate such supposed verities in so many ways and fashions that it can muddle minds.

The subject at hand directs its aim at the messages delivered from the anti-colonialist regents who exercise the ruling power in most of modern academe. They have handed down their revealed wisdom — rewriting history toward that end — which is then echoed through their minions in governments, prestigious universities, and mass-media outlets.

Here are several of the officially endorsed views about British imperialism: It was largely driven by greed and the lust to dominate, colonialism is equivalent to slavery, the British Empire was essentially racist, it was guilty of genocide, economic exploitation was fundamentally the motive, it was illegitimate because it wasn't "democratic" and served British rather than native interests, and the empire's violence was pervasively racist and terroristic.



Those are the main targets of the author. He riddles them with well-placed shots of hard evidence.

While filled with historical particulars, the book — as the author stresses — is not a "history" of the British Empire; rather, it is a "moral evaluation" of it. Don't think that means the volume is an abstruse thumb-sucker: There are plenty of facts and figures, battles and deaths, assessments and learned outlooks of various historians and authorities — as well as 130 or so pages of endnotes (where the author concentrates on his "skirmishes" with some historians) before one gets to the extensive bibliography and valuable index.

Our ignorance of history makes us vilify our own, as Flaubert observed. We surely don't crave more of that. What we do need are more balanced analyses.

The author says the telling of his more accurate, fairer, and more positive story is vital because what is at stake is "the self-perception" and self-confidence of the British today. What we have here is an antidote — in other words, exactly what the anti-colonialists don't want people to hear.

Ethicist Gets Drafted Into Imperial History War

The author of *Colonialism: A Moral Reckoning* is Nigel Biggar. He doesn't call himself an historian; he's an ethicist. He is regius professor of moral and pastoral theology at the University of Oxford, and director of the McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics & Public Life. Biggar has degrees from Oxford, Regent College, and the University of Chicago.

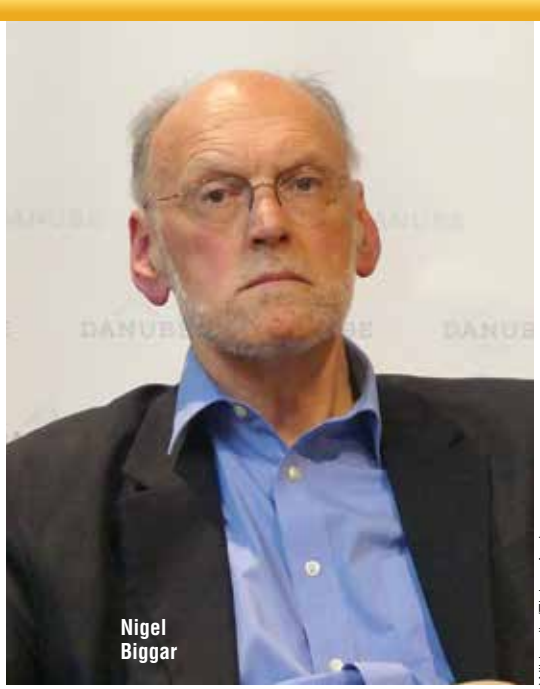
In his telling, there were many and various reasons why the British built an empire — including to be "trader, migrant, soldier, missionary, entrepreneur, financier, government official and statesman." In other words, it's a complicated

historical mosaic. The reasons, not surprisingly, "differed between London, Cairo, Cape Town and Calcutta," with the dominating reasons changing from one time to another.

There's a relevant backstory for this volume. Biggar credits its writing, indirectly, to Bruce Gilley for an article that Gilley wrote titled "The Case for Colonialism." Already in the cancel mob's sights for what were deemed impolitic remarks during the "Rhodes Must Fall" campaign in Oxford, Biggar also had the nerve to write approvingly about Gilley's views in an article in London's *Times* in November 2017. Imagine! The horrors! The professor argues that "we British have reason to feel pride as well as shame about our imperial past. Note: pride *as well as shame*." (Emphasis in original.)

Within a week, recalls Biggar, "all hell broke loose, and I found myself plunged into the 'culture war' over colonialism." Among other assaults, he was denounced by 58 colleagues at Oxford, then by "two hundred academics from around the world. For a fortnight, my name was in the press every day." He had "stumbled, blindly," as the author relates, "into the Imperial History War."

There are parts of the record that we're apparently supposed to overlook. It's clearly fitting to examine the ugly practice of slavery — but what came next? "After a century and a half of transporting slaves to the West Indies and the American colonies, the British abolished both the trade and the institution within the empire in the early 1800s." And what happened then is also pertinent, as Biggar tells it: The British "spent the subsequent century and a half exercising their imperial power in deploying the Royal Navy to stop slave ships crossing the Atlantic and Indian oceans, and in suppressing the Arab slave trade across Africa."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Honesty About Slavery and Anti-slavery

An early chapter ("From Slavery to Anti-Slavery") demonstrates its importance to the thesis. Other chapters tackle anti-colonialist pompous proclamations with clear-eyed perspective and reasoning, as opposed to assertions that portray the imperial world as completely covered with warts. The names of several chapters hint at the range covered: "Human Equality, Cultural Superiority and 'Racism'"; "Land, Settlers and 'Conquest'"; "Cultural Assimilation and 'Genocide'"; "Free Trade, Investment and 'Exploitation'"; "Government, Legitimacy and Nationalism"; and "Justified Force and 'Pervasive Violence.'"

Lest we forget, the practice of slavery was both ancient and universal. And it's not just a white and black issue. The rundown cited here may seem extensive, but it is just an excerpt, a condensation of much more in *Colonialism*. Across the globe, we are reminded,

> societies have employed forced labour in agriculture, mining, public works and even as troops. All the ancient Mesopotamian civilisations practiced slavery in one form or another, starting with Egypt in the third millennium BC. To the west, around the shores of the Mediterranean Sea, the ancient Greeks, Carthaginians and Romans followed. To the east, slavery could be found among the Chinese from at least the seventh century AD, and subsequently among the Japanese and Koreans. In the Americas, the peoples on the northern Pacific coast practiced it from before the sixth century AD, the Incas and the Aztecs extracted forced labour from subject people from the fifteenth century, and the Comanches ran a slave economy from the eighteenth century.

These, of course, are not secrets — even if they are widely and selectively secreted from many modern curricula.

Biggar continues. From the time of Muhammad forward, "Slavery was practiced throughout the Islamic world. In the eighth and ninth centuries the Vikings supplied slave markets in Arab Spain and Egypt with slaves — *white* slaves — from eastern Europe and the British Isles." (Emphasis in original.)

Barbary pirates even raided English ships and villages in Cornwall and West Cork for slaves. Per one estimate, the author recounts, the overall Muslim slave trade, "which lasted until 1920, transported about 17 million slaves, mostly African, exceeding by a considerable margin the approximately 11 million shipped by Europeans across the Atlantic."

Beyond that, there are the long centuries in which Africans enslaved other Africans. And, even beyond that, there are those who were supplied for human sacrifice.

This is not a fairy tale. The roots of evil are planted very deeply.

Sovereignty and Treaty-making

When it comes to disparaging the conquests of the British Empire, frequently portrayed baldly these days as just the violating of native peoples to gain land, there are actually thorny issues to deal with. Ethicist Biggar does address them. It gets knottier when members of different societies encounter each other for the first time.

First, though, he knocks down a claim that (for example) "First Nations" in North America were generally able to come to peaceful arrangements in such instances. He calls that "fanciful," saying perhaps too politely that it "softens the historical record." With proofs to the contrary listed, he rebuts in detail, showing the evidence of incidents of the "conquest, absorption, displacement, and even extermination" that were routine. In the southwestern part of North America, Biggar notes,

> the Comanches launched "an explosive expansion", which in three generations obliterated Apache civilization from the Great Plains and carved out "a vast territory that was larger than the entire European-controlled area north of the Rio Grande at the time". From 1750 to 1850 their empire dominated the region, building "the largest slave economy in the colonial Southwest". Meanwhile, to the north, in the second half of the sixteenth century the Iroquois were displaced from the St. Lawrence valley by the Algonquian-speaking Montagnais, but then returned in the seventeenth century, reconquered it and expanded west as far as present-day Illinois; in the eighteenth century the Ojibwa also pushed west into what are now Minnesota and Dakota; and in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries the Cree moved onto the prairies and encountered the Blackfoot, who were being pushed north and east by other tribes.

There is similar recounting of the treatment of and by the Māori in New Zealand and concerning various tribes in South Africa (among others).

The author does overstep, or understate, in some of his contentions about certain imperial gains being justified because treaty agreements were involved. In talking about the Ndebele in South Africa, and their king, Lobengula, he writes about the man acting on behalf of Cecil Rhodes' British South Africa Company (BSAC). Biggar says (variously) that Charles Rudd "may have been less than scrupulous" or "economical with the truth" about the concessions involved.

One gathers that the march of civilization can be slow because certain folks get out of step. In the larger picture, the Ndebele may have more to answer for than some dissembling directed at them. In fact, as we read in *Colonialism*, the lands that were occupied by

> the Ndebele in the 1890s they themselves had seized by conquest about fifty years before, having broken off from the militaristic Zulu empire and migrating westward to found their own "militarized state", scattering other African people before them. The Shona, whose lands they occupied, were reduced to the status of vassals, subject to indiscriminate torture, slaughter and laying waste upon failure to pay tribute.

Nonetheless, Biggar does acknowledge that a number of land transfers did involve misunderstandings about the agreements. And, as American Indians found out, some treaties were kept; others were broken. However, maintains the author, even "a broken treaty can provide the ground for legal remedy — as the Treaty of Waitangi [signed with 540 Māori chiefs in 1840] has been doing in New Zealand since 1975."

Not unique: While the West is often singled out and vilified for slavery, the truth is that this moral evil has been practiced by every culture throughout history. The West was the first major civilization to end it. Shown are slaves cutting sugar cane in Antigua.

Belligerency Scorecard

Colonialism has a lot to say, with much to commend it. When it comes to ethics, the author makes it clear that he does believe all human beings are basically equal. Yet, he is equally certain that belief does not imply that all cultures are equal. If you haven't been on a college campus recently, be aware: Saying that out loud or in print shows mettle. He gives examples of cultures that are not equal in a technical respect and in an intellectual respect. Similarly, a "culture that abhors human sacrifice to the gods and female infanticide is superior *in that moral respect* to one that practises them." (Emphasis in original.)

One strong area of *Colonialism* is where Biggar dissects in some length a half-dozen instances of "imperial belligerency that have become infamous." The six in question: The massacre of Amritsar in the Punjab of 1919, The First Opium War of 1839-1842, the repression of the Indian Mutiny of 1857, the military takeover of Benin City in West Africa in 1897 (there's a full 20 pages of this), the "Second Anglo-Boer War" in South Africa of 1899-1902, and the counter-insurgency against the Mau Mau rebellions in Kenya in East Africa in the 1950s.

For those scoring, the author registers his findings: He terms the British decision to wage the First Opium War unjustified; two are termed justified (Second Anglo-War Boer War and Benin expedition). Biggar points to instances of "disproportionate and indiscriminate use of violence" in the Indian Mutiny, Amritsar, and early days of the Kenya emergency. And in the Anglo-Boer War, he finds an "instance of culpable negligence in the administration of 'camps of refuge.'"

It takes an honest and intrepid professor and author to provide a tally of the evils of British colonialism as well as those items that deserve to be in the credit column. Nigel Biggar is not afraid to go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is. ■

TAKING ACTION

Never, Ever Give Up!

by William S. Hahn,
CEO of The John Birch Society

Members of The John Birch Society are forever optimists. We're the proverbial frog that's being swallowed by the pelican while shouting, "Never Give Up!" as we wrap our hands around the throat of the pelican that's attempting to swallow us. We can never quit, so when we are asked if it's too late, our answer is a loud and clear, NO!

There are those who think and operate differently, being pessimistic and predicting the Republic's demise without seemingly lifting a finger to stop it. If they knew of a successful plan, would they get involved? Perhaps they would, or perhaps they prefer to wallow in the mire of despair, which provides a pathetic cover for not doing anything.

One thing is certain: If someone has his heart set against doing something, you're probably not going to change his mind. If you can talk him into something, someone else can talk him out of it. He must change from within. Those who engage in "soul-winning" understand this concept. Please forgive me for any sacrilege, but the concepts of "churching" and "Birching" are very similar. In your conversations with others, you find common ground and build from there. Sometimes you merely plant a seed, and other times you reap a harvest.

The reason for this optimism has largely come from what's known as the American way. Early settlers didn't come to this country to leech off a government that would provide for them. No, they came here to shake off persecution and to build a new future based on the sweat of their brow. While the odds were stacked against them, they relied on their strong work ethic and helped their neighbors. This type of self-reliance, independence, and charitable neighborliness was sewn early into the fabric of this new nation. Our answer to what might look like insurmountable hurdles should never be, "let someone else handle it," "let the government fix it," or "just leave me alone."

Americans have historically been resilient, with a firm reliance on the Almighty. The Declaration of Independence clarifies the purpose of government: to safeguard God-given rights. Government is not to run our lives. Instead of looking over our shoulder for government, we have an upward focus — seeking God's protection and His mercy and grace — praying as though it all depends on Him, and working as if it all depends on us.

The Founding Fathers offered a rather simple, but ingenious — and many would argue divinely inspired — blueprint for a successful civilization: enough government to protect rights, but not enough to interfere in the free exercise of those rights. Constitutional limitations provided for strong barriers to keep government at bay, while the people themselves held the majority of the governing powers. The fact that the creation overtook the creators isn't an indictment of the system; rather, it's an indictment against those who are supposed to hold their representatives accountable.

In the nearly 240 years since the creation of the Constitution, the blueprint still exists. Due to the safeguards of the system, Americans haven't yet squandered the system they inherited to the point of no return. But mark our words: If we ever lose the Constitution, we may have lost the last bit of our grip to resist that proverbial pelican that seeks to swallow us.

The Founders expected us to be involved, so let's start there. The John Birch Society has helped protect the foundation of this constitutional Republic time and time again. We don't need to fight every battle that the enemies of freedom engage in. Rather, we fight an organized foe with organization that rallies around an action-based agenda.

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